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KOWLOON MATTERS.

FERRY APPROACH.

The Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association held their monthly meeting last week. The following were present:—Rev. J. Horace Johnston, (President), Dr. J. C. Macgown, (Vice-President), Mr. J. L. Parren, (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. M. Alves, (Hon. Treasurer), Rev. Father Spada, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Capt. T. T. Laurensen, Messrs. W. J. Stokes, F. H. Crapnell, J. M. Noronha, F. W. Stapleton, A. W. Eastman, and F. J. Easterbrook. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. de Sousa, Mr. Abraham, and Mr. Tape.

Star Ferry Approach.
Knowing that the question of improving the Star Ferry approach was engaging the attention of the Government, the Committee, at their previous meeting, resolved to ask the Government to acquiesce in the K. R. A. with the outline of the proposed scheme before it was finally agreed upon. At the same time, a sub-committee was appointed to scrutinise and report upon any projected plans which Government might see its way to furnish for their inspection.

The sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. W. J. Stokes (Convener), F. H. Crapnell and F. J. Easterbrook, now presented a very able and exhaustive report on the subject. Maintaining the best traditions of the K. R. A., they resolved that whatever criticism they made of the Government scheme should be of the helpful and constructive sort, and, with the expert knowledge of engineering and architecture and traffic conditions which they possessed, they were certainly well qualified to render valuable service. The fact is that they travelled so fast in the direction of formulating all the essentials of a workable scheme that, apparently, they outstripped the Government, and, instead of waiting for the Government plan, they were able to draw out a plan of their own, which they were encouraged to believe would be of value to the Government and might form the basis of a practicable scheme.

The Colonade.

It is not possible, without showing the plan itself, to explain all its features. It will, however, interest the general public to know that it is based on what is known as the "gyratory system," and reduces the crossing of traffic to the absolute minimum, and, of course, the slower the traffic the nearer the kerb.

It may also be stated that the Committee has proceeded on the principle "that convenience and utility are of greater importance than aesthetic appearance." They have, accordingly, considered the interests of the Kowloon residents rather than the tourist photographer, and decided against the suggested continuation of the Station colonade across the whole frontage, as being an unprofitable outlay of public funds and a hindrance rather than a help to the solution of the traffic problem. At the same time the Committee believe that the various shelters, which they recommend for the comfort of passengers, are arranged in such symmetry that they lend themselves to an architectural treatment which should give the ferry approach, if not an imposing, at least a pleasing and artistic appearance.

A point which has been strongly urged is the need for widening the Salisbury Road, particularly where it comes to a bottle-neck opposite the Water Police Station. It is further contended that the most effective widening will be on the southern side. The indebtedness of the sub-committee to Mr. F. J. Easterbrook for his painstaking work in preparing the drawings and working out the details of the scheme was cordially acknowledged. The report and plans have now been sent to the Colonial Secretary, Children's Playground Extension.

As the project for the extension of the children's playground in Chatham Road has not made much headway of late, it was decided that the President and Secretary of the Association should form,

with Mr. J. M. Alves, the Convener of the Playgrounds Sub-Committee, a deputation to interview the P. W. D. Engineer-in-Charge, and if necessary the Colonial Secretary, in order to ascertain the present position and the possibilities of the suitable development of the additional area which the Government has apportioned for the purpose.

Kowloon Cemeteries.

The Secretary read the answer of the Government to the queries of the Committee on this subject, and it was found that the answer did not quite cover the whole ground of the inquiry. The Committee, accordingly, before concurring with the Government plan, decided to present the difficulty again with a suggested solution.

The Dogs' Home.

The complaints of disturbance during the night caused by the barking of dogs in the Dogs' Home, forwarded by the K. R. A. to the Colonial Secretary, elicited a very courteous letter from the Government in reply, as also from the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, to whom the Home belongs. It was explained that the removal of the Home, as suggested by the K. R. A., could not conveniently be undertaken, but that advice had been taken and arrangements made which it was hoped would put an end to the nuisance. By giving the animals a good meal at sundown and by the provision of screens to render the dogs less liable to be aroused by movements in the street it is now understood that the annoyance to neighbours has been obviated.

Publicity.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the Star Ferry Company had kindly granted the K. R. A. the use of half the space in one of the

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large, framed notice-boards at the Kowloon wharf, and had also consented to keep at the season-ticket office a supply of enrolment forms for the convenience of residents wishing to join the Association.

A Dangerous Corner.

Rev. G. R. Lindsay called attention to the dangerous speed at which the buses for Kowloon City, which are parked in the side street next to the Diocesan Girls School, swing out into Jordan Road, where so many of the children pass on their way to and from the School. It was agreed to write to the Captain Superintendent of Police requesting that the drivers be made to exercise more care.

Electric Current.

Mr. W. J. Stokes gave notice of his intention to raise at the earliest convenient opportunity a question arising out of the change of the supply pressure of the electric current in Kowloon from 110 to 200 volts.—*Contributed.*

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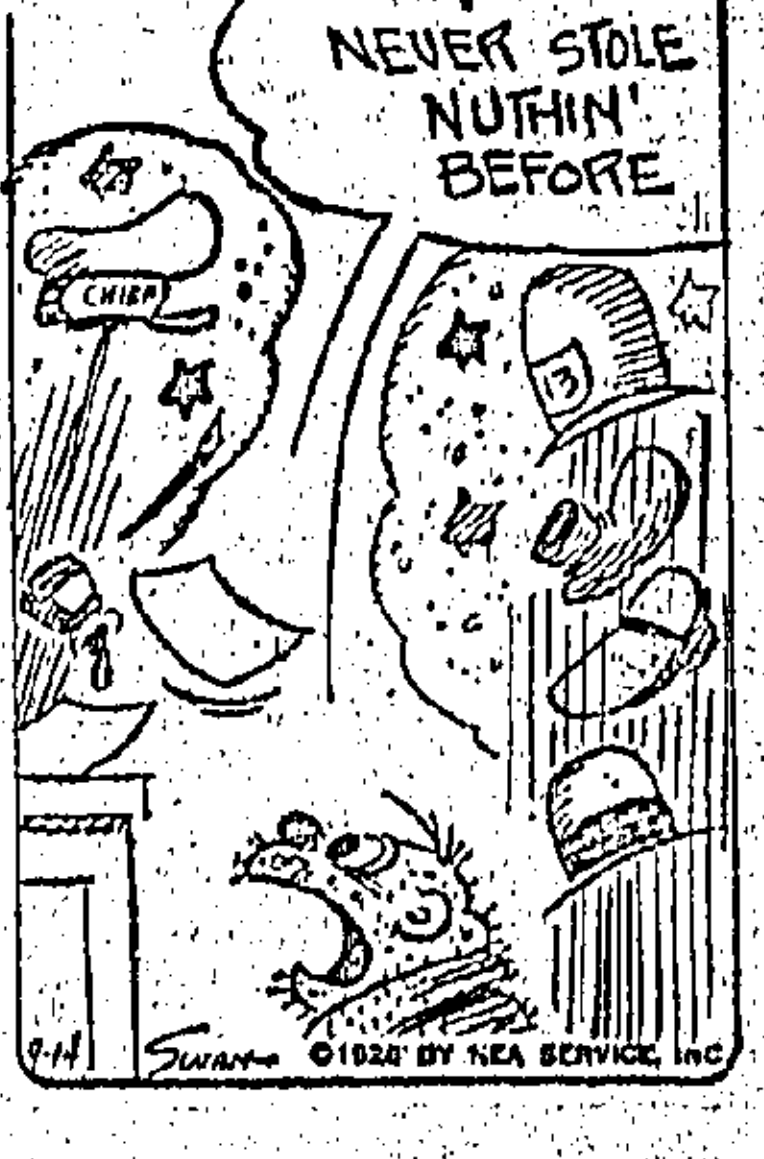
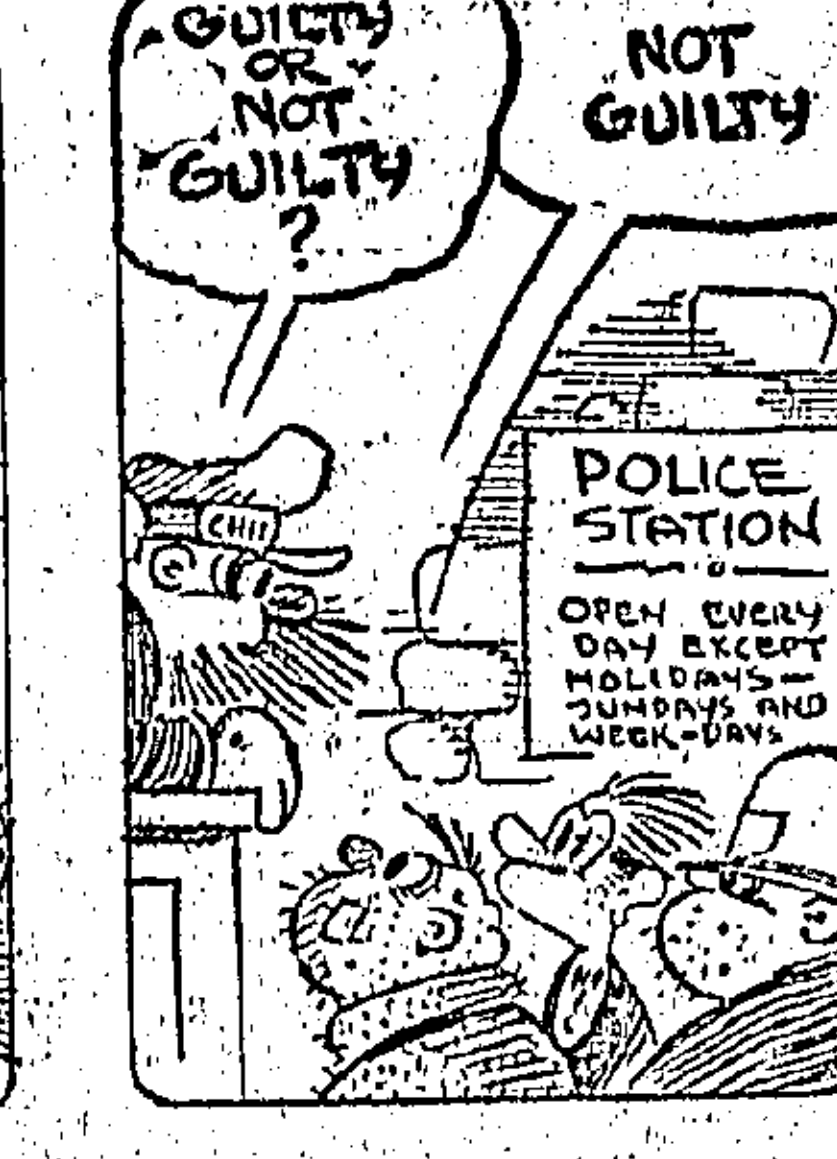
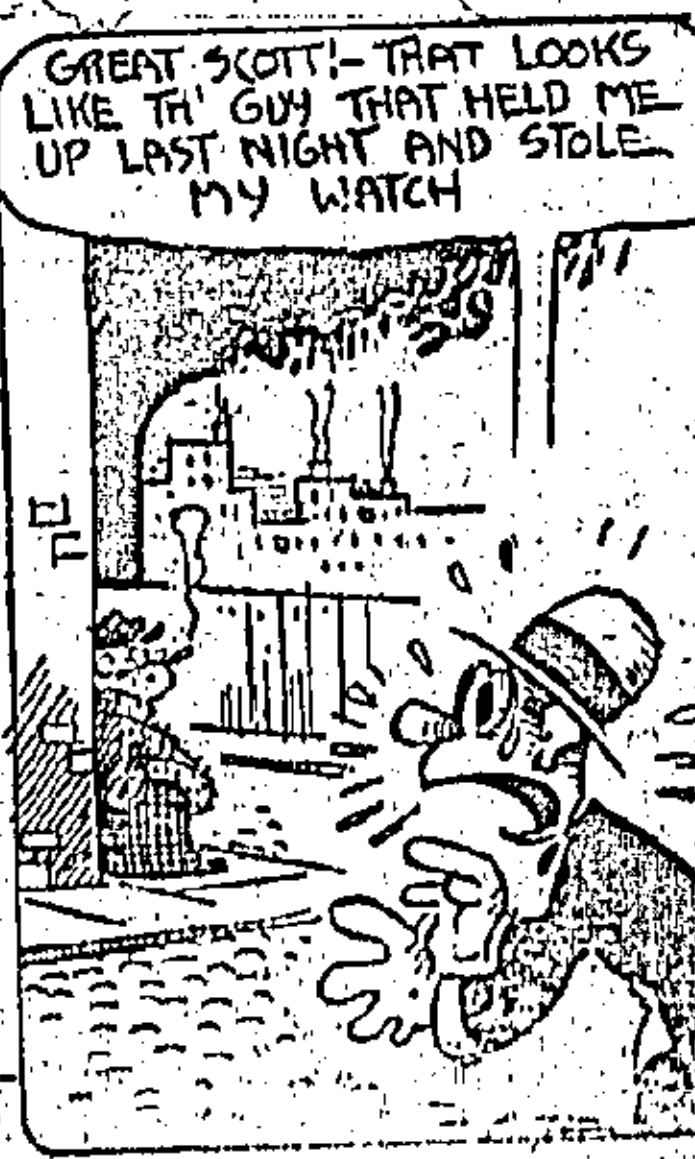
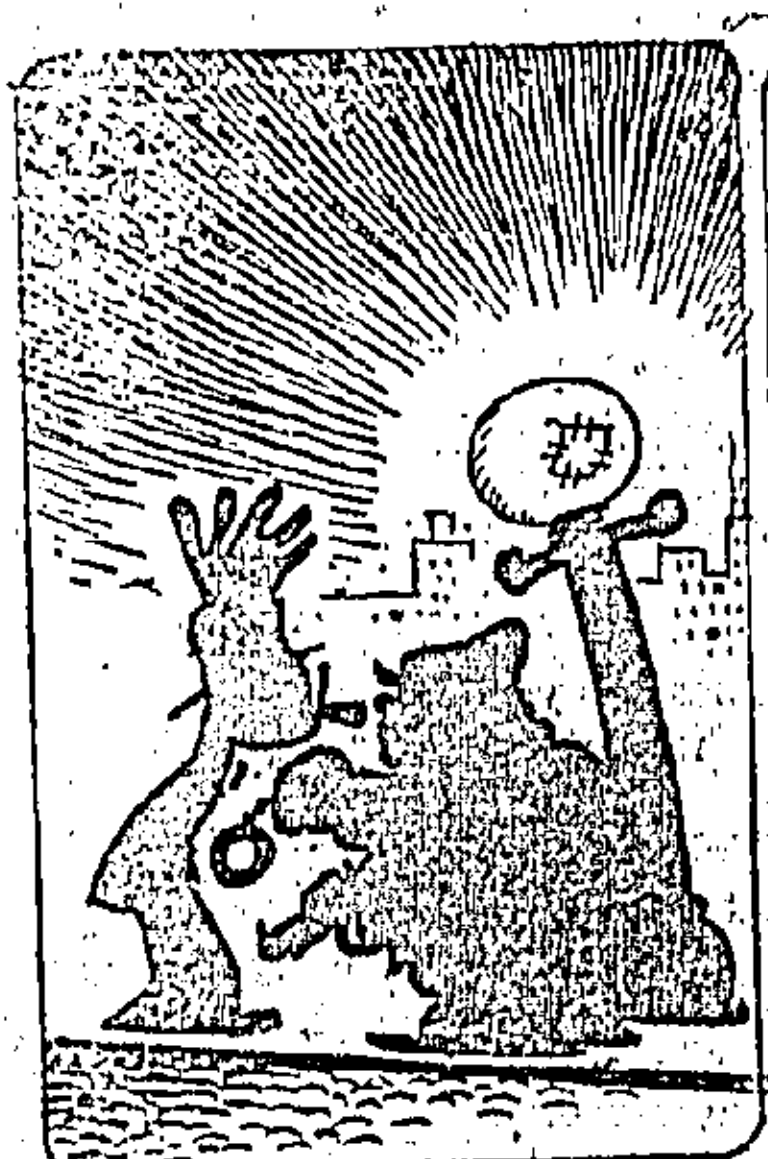
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By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
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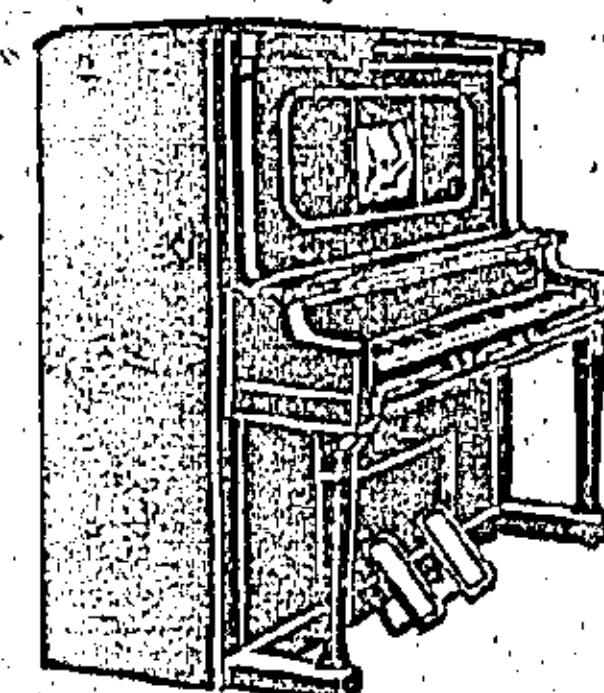
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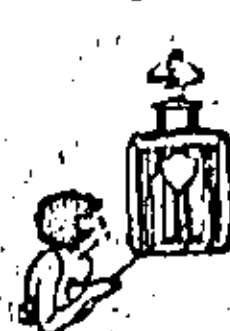
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BISHOP OF LONDON.

PRaises BEAUTY OF HONGKONG.

Speaking at the Theatre Royal last evening at an "At Home" given by the Victoria Diocesan Association in his honour, the Lord Bishop of London commented favourably on the beauty of Hongkong, and said that when he thought of a London fog it gave him great joy to be here.

Guests were received in the City Hall, Captain H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. A. E. Bullock, and Mr. Wong Shu-pon introducing visitors to the Bishop. Those on the platform were H. E. the Governor, the Rev. Copley Moyle (chairman and speaker representing the Bishop of Victoria) The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of London, Mr. J. M. Wong (representing the Chinese Church Body) Capt. Steele and Capt. Dowbiggin (A.D.C.'s), the Rev. H. C. Thomas (chaplain to the Bishop of London) and the Rev. N. V. Halvard, chaplain to the Bishop of Victoria.

The Chairman explained that the primary intention of the gathering had been to give people an opportunity of talking to the Bishop, but it became necessary to take the City Hall, and for speeches to be delivered more formally. He expressed regret at the absence of the Bishop of Victoria, who was unable to attend through weakness following influenza.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

His Excellency the Governor said:

On behalf of the whole community of Hongkong, without distinction of race or creed, I tender to Your Lordship a hearty welcome to this Colony. For myself, being a freeman of the City of London, I belong to your diocese; and, having been educated at St. Paul's School in London, it gives me very special pleasure to find that even at this distance from the home of my boyhood and from St. Paul's Cathedral I am not beyond reach of a visit from the Bishop of London.

Perhaps, ladies and gentlemen, having said this you may think me biased when I go on to say that members of the Church of England overseas instinctively think of St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey as the central shrines of the Anglican faith.

But, as a matter of fact, history tells us that at the end of the sixth century Gregory the Great had intended to make London the Metropolitan See of England.

It was only because of the expulsion of Christian missionaries from London in those days and the continued paganism of that town by contrast with the success of Augustine in Kent, that the see of the Primate of England was placed at Canterbury instead of London.

Since the time of Augustine the relative importance of London as compared with Canterbury has steadily increased; and Englishmen overseas, whether Londoners or not, must feel that a visit from the Bishop of London brings them into direct touch with the principal centre of the faith of their fathers as well as of their national life.

Therefore, my Lord, we are each all Londoners to-day in our welcome of you.

Concerning the Chinese community here resident I venture to assure you that ever since the time of Mencius it has been taught in China that a man's noblest act is to help his fellow-men to practice virtue; while Confucius said that men should not set their minds obstinately for anything or against anything, but follow what is right. Your Lordship is therefore certain of a warm and sympathetic welcome from the Chinese here resident, whether Christian or not.

TWO TRIBUTES.

The Rev. Copley Moyle said he thought one reason why the Bishop was standing so vigorously before them was because he was constantly taking exercise. Unlike others, the Bishop encouraged clergy taking up work in foreign fields, and was always ready to support his opinions by action.

A welcome on behalf of Chinese Christians was extended by Mr. J. M. Wong, who said the high esteem in which they held the Bishop was shown by the large numbers present. In conclusion he tendered the Chinese wish "May all your wishes be gratified."

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

In the course of a powerful address, the Bishop of London said he thought more British stock was wanted in Australia and New Zealand, and it seemed far better to have more men there than a huge unemployed list at Home. He assured them that the people at Home were sympathetic to the troubles of those who were carry-

ing the Red, White and Blue away from Britain. Referring to missionaries, he said they were not the people who caused trouble, and although there must be political factions against them sometimes, they were loved by the people among whom they worked. In conclusion, his Lordship said, if he were living here he would learn all he could of China, one of the most remarkable people in the world. He appealed for support for the Bishop of Victoria in the work he was doing.

The meeting concluded with the Blessing, given by the Bishop of London.

The sub-committee in charge of all arrangements for the reception consisted of the Rev. Copley Moyle, Mrs. J. R. Wood, Mrs. Creasy, Mrs. Chater, Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mrs. Riley, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Rev. Leo Kan Yan, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the Rev. N. V. Halvard.

Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe was in charge of the refreshments, the Rev. Mr. Waldegrave in charge of stewards, the Revs. W. T. Featherstone and N. V. Halvard masters of ceremony. The band of H.M.S. Hawkins was in attendance and played selections prior to the meeting.

The Theatre Royal was crowded and many prominent residents were present, seats in the dress circle being reserved for Lady Clementi, Mrs. Duppy, His Excellency the Admiral, His Excellency Major General C. C. Luard, Mrs. and Miss Luard, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mrs. J. M. Wong and Mrs. S. B. Tain.

The Governor of Illinois has refused the request of the Mayor of Herrin that a military Court should be set up in Southern Illinois to deal with "gang warfare" there, on the ground that it is not the duty of the National Guard to maintain law and order unless the civil agencies have collapsed. The mayor wrote that no citizens would give evidence against these gangs for fear of their lives.

Over a thousand houses have been destroyed by a serious fire which occurred at Numazu, seaside resort in central Japan. One half of the old town was completely destroyed. Many were injured including fifteen seriously. The damage is estimated at 7 million yen.

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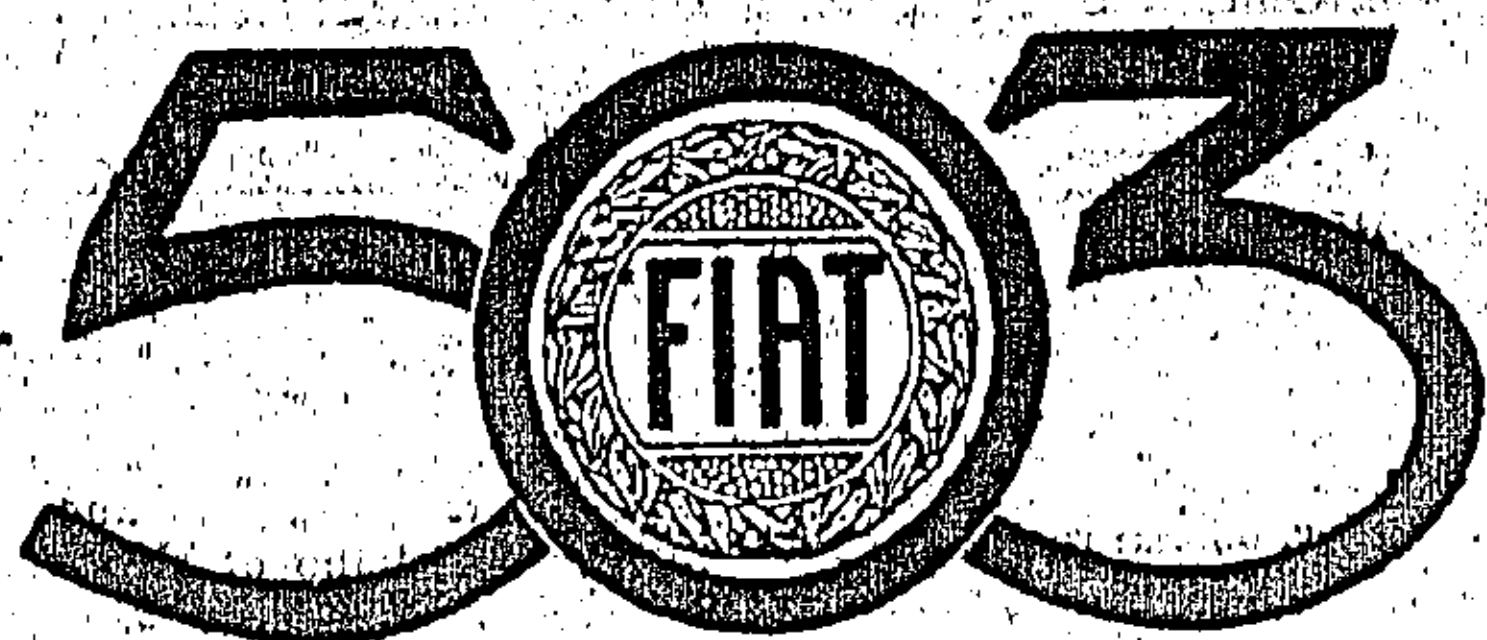
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LIQUOR POISONING.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST U. S. GOVERNMENT.

Washington, Dec. 28. New York City medical officers recently alleged that the poisoning of nearly a hundred persons, of whom sixteen have hitherto died, is mostly due to the Federal Government's use of wood alcohol in denaturing grain alcohol for industrial purposes.

Government chemists state that the Government is not responsible for such deaths, since only two per cent. of wood alcohol, which is not a fatal dose, is employed by them. —*Reuter's American Service.*

WIRELESS TELEPHONY.

BRITAIN AND U.S.A. PUBLIC SERVICE.

London, Dec. 28. Wireless telephony between London and New York will possibly be opened for public service early in the New Year, according to the *Westminster Gazette*.This paper understands that His Majesty King George and President Coolidge are being approached with a view to them inaugurating the service by conversing with each other from Buckingham Palace and the White House. —*Reuter.*

PAN-AMERICAN FLIGHT.

GREETINGS FROM U.S.A. TO MEXICO.

Mexico City, Dec. 28. Major Dargue, commander of the five American army aeroplanes making the 18,500 mile pan-American flight, presented a letter from President Coolidge to President Calles, who wished the flyers success and hoped the friendly American-Mexican relations would continue. —*Reuter's American Service.*

DOUBLE TAXATION.

AN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSION.

Washington, Dec. 28. The White House has decided that the United States participate in the international conference on double taxation in international business, opening at Geneva on January 5.

Professor Adams, of Yale University, will represent the United States. —*Reuter's American Service.*

FLOODS IN MALAYA.

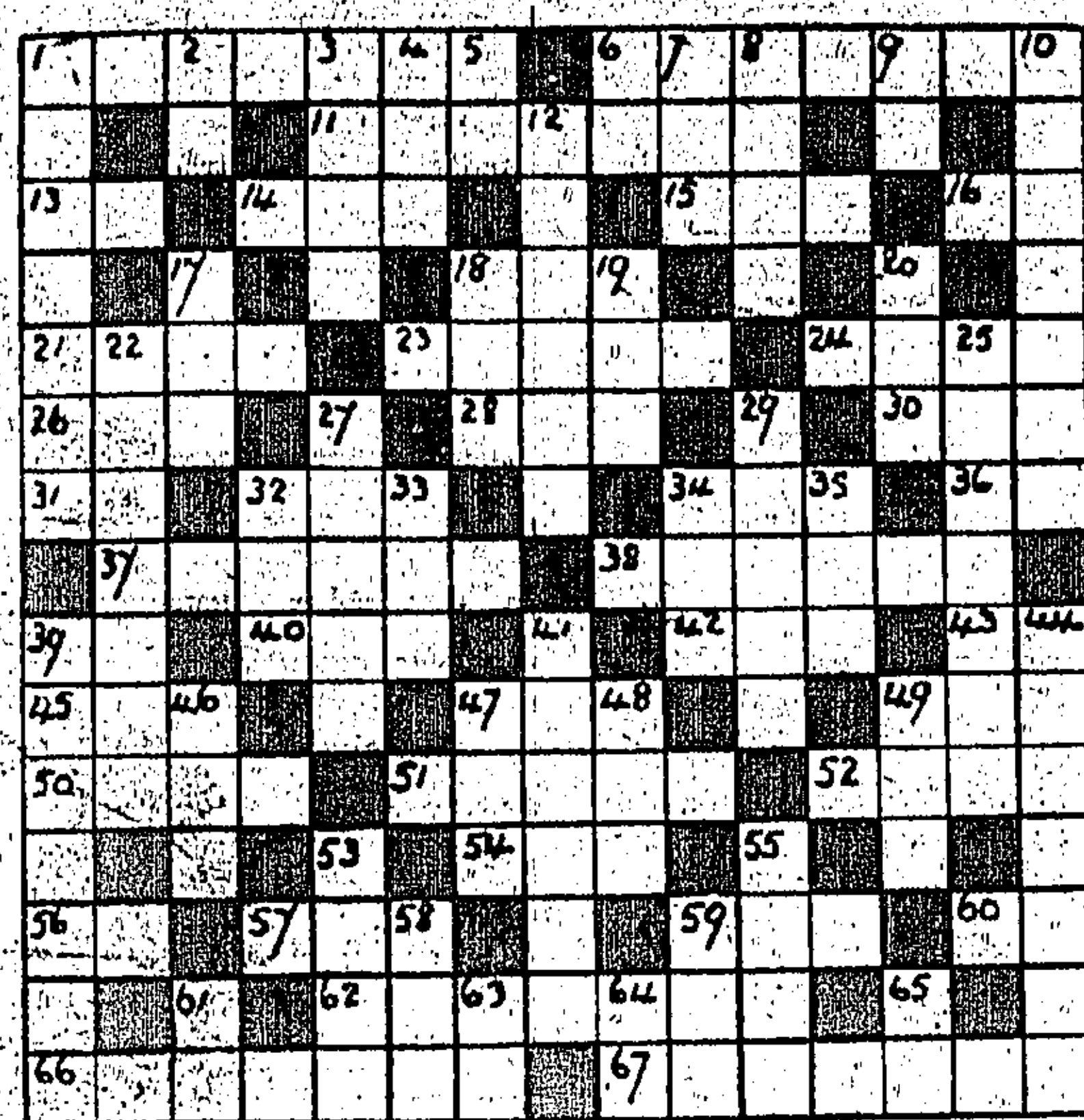
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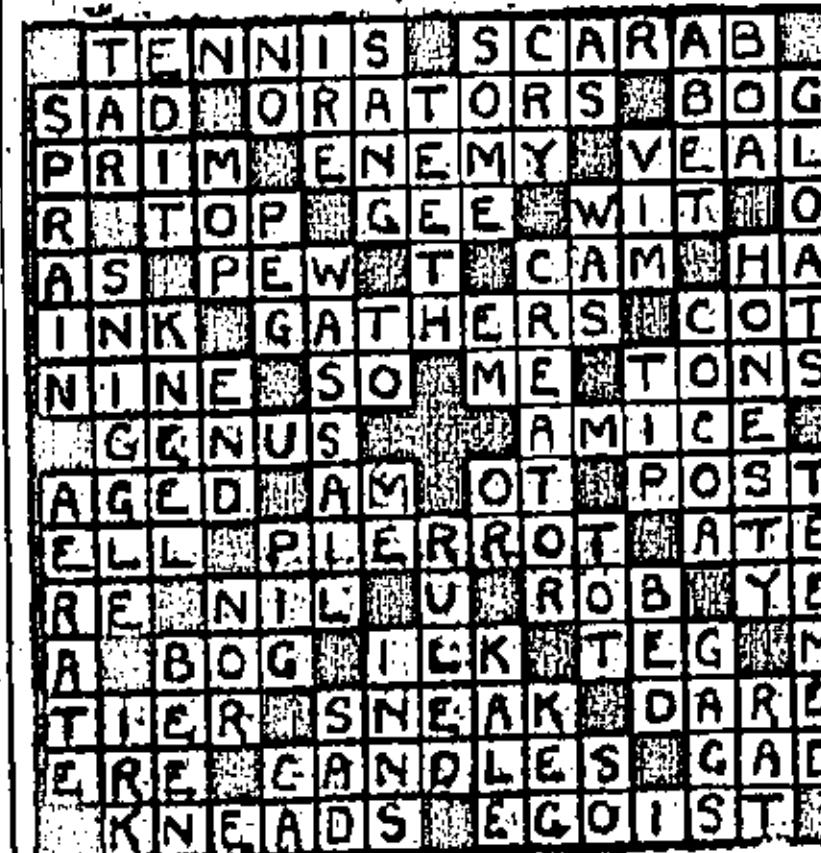
Singapore, Dec. 28. Following a week's rain there have been serious floods in Malaya, especially in Ipoh, where the banks and offices have been flooded. Business has been suspended and train service interrupted.

Washington, Dec. 9. —After listening to an attack on Chief Justice William Howard Taft, based on the ground that he is receiving a \$10,000 annuity from the Carnegie Trust Fund, the House today passed the Senate bill, carrying a material increase in salary for the judiciary. The bill now goes to the President.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Violent storm.
 - Fastidious.
 - Partisan to.
 - Adverb.
 - Not many.
 - Consume.
 - Medical man (abbr.)
 - Tropical tuber.
 - Strong taste.
 - Sacred vessel.
 - Woman's dress.
 - Advanced in years.
 - Enclosure for poultry.
 - A stock phrase.
 - Royal Academy (abbr.)
 - High tone (Music).
 - Existed.
 - Legal word.
 - Order of ceremony.
 - Opposite to former.
 - Morning.
 - To urge.
 - Considerably.
 - Part of verb "to be"
 - Jewel.
 - Border.
 - Item at auction.
 - Something worshipped.
 - Restore.
 - Passage money.
 - Intelligence.
 - Indistinct article.
 - Large tub.
 - Hearty.
 - Exclamation.
 - Fidelity of representation.
 - A component part.
 - Clipped.
- Down.
- One disloyal to vows.
 - In the matter of.
 - Old.
 - Glistening beads of moisture.
 - Alternative.
 - Exclamation.
 - A number.
 - To string together.
 - Pronoun.



NICARAGUAN REVOLT.

A TRUCE FOR BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

Managua, Dec. 28. A truce has been agreed to by the rival Nicaraguan factions in order to bury the dead killed in four days' fighting with heavy losses on both sides.

It is stated the Liberals, aided by Mexican volunteers, forced the Conservative government troops to withdraw to Bluefields.

Admiral Lattimer, commanding the United States warships in Nicaraguan waters, reports the districts of Puerto Cabezas, Rio Grande, El Bluff, and Bluefields have been established as neutral zones, and declared both Liberals and Conservatives must evacuate this territory or disarm. He urges the establishment of other neutral zones, so that the whole east coast will be neutral, and thus the Diaz Government will be relieved of the responsibility of protecting the towns therein. —*Reuter's American Service.*

Washington, Dec. 28. The latest development of the civil war in Nicaragua, where the conservative Government forces

are now reported to be retreating, is regarded by certain members of Congress as making recent landing by United States marines on the east coast of Nicaragua embarrassing to the United States Government.

Mr. Borah, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the Senate, in a statement opines that a section of American business men are anxious to embroil the United States with Mexico through Nicaragua. —*Reuter's American Service.*

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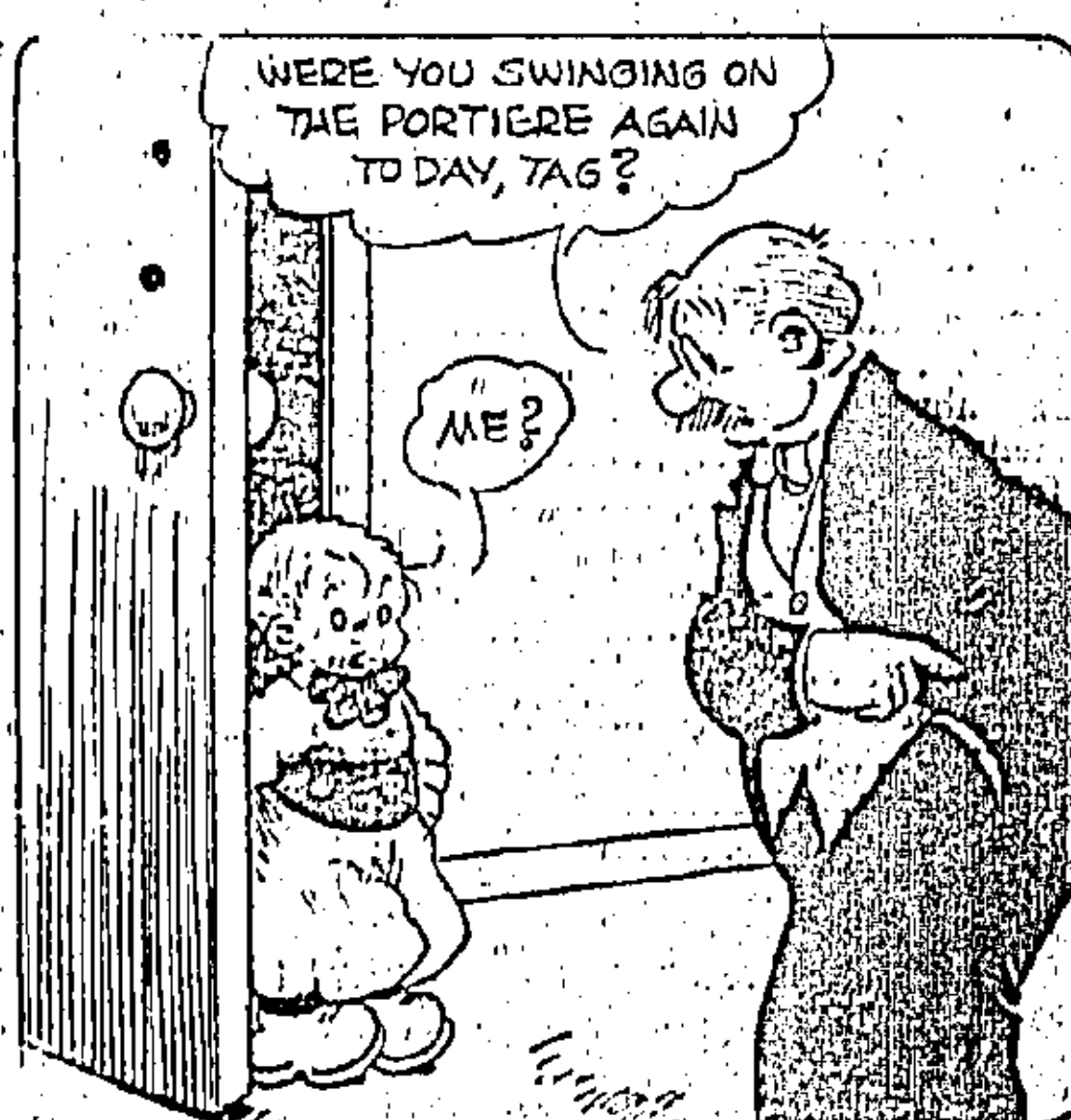
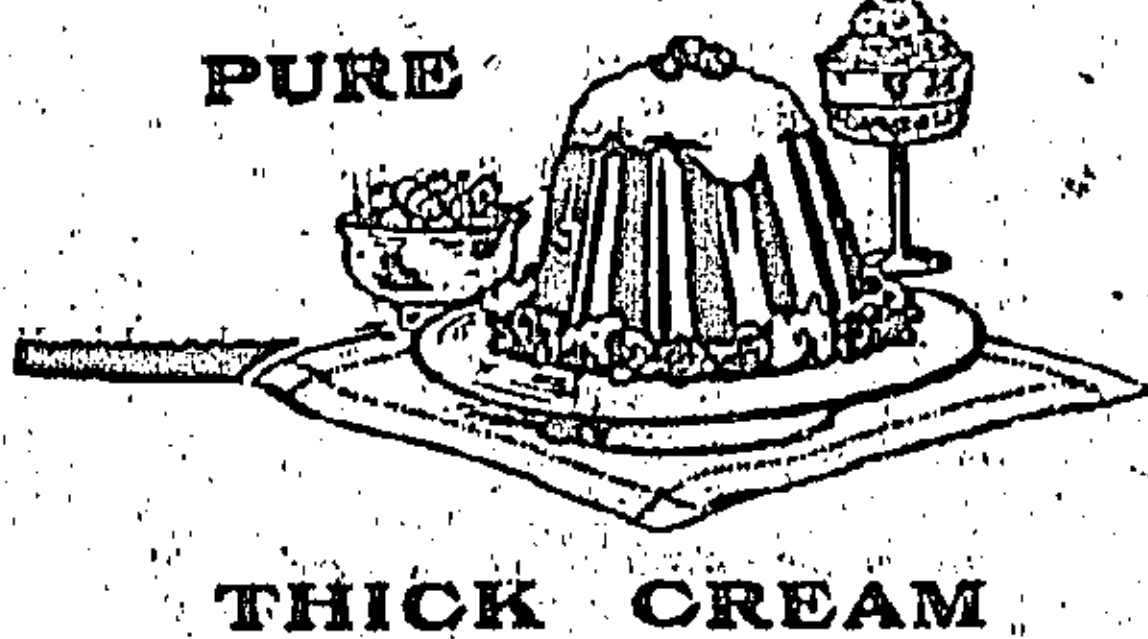
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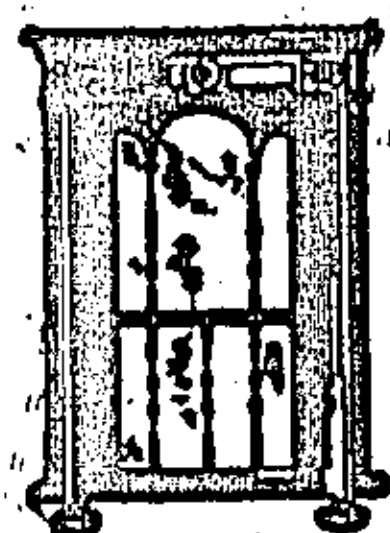
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SILVER WEDDING.

BELL-HOGAN. On 28th Decem-
 ber, 1901, at the Church of
 England, Penang, by the Rev.
 Hynes, assisted by the Revd.
 H. C. Henham, William Henry
 Bell eldest son of James Bell
 of Stoneycroft, Liverpool, to
 Dora Hogan, youngest daugh-
 ter of the late John Hogan and
 Mrs. John Hogan of The
 Avenue, Penang.

The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29, 1926

BRITAIN'S GESTURE.

Whatever may be said regarding
 the merits of the proposals which
 Britain has put forward for the
 consideration of the Treaty Powers
 in their future dealings with China,
 there can be no questioning the sin-
 cerity of the motives which inspired
 them. That much is evident from
 the summary of the Memorandum
 which has now come to hand, and
 which, incidentally, bears out the
 forecasts made prior to the actual
 publication of the document. Put
 simply, Britain considers that cir-
 cumstances have so changed since
 the holding of the Washington Con-
 ference as to render it politic for
 the Powers to take stock of the new
 situation and, by common agree-
 ment if possible, adapt future
 actions to the new needs. Our
 Canton friends in particular surely
 cannot but admit the sincerity of
 the gesture, seeing that the Mem-
 orandum stresses the desirability of
 meeting the Nationalist movement
 with sympathy and understand-

ing. If there is one thing more than
 another that the Nationalists have
 laid emphasis upon in recent times
 it is that the Treaties with the
 Powers are out of tune with the
 spirit of the times, and there should
 therefore be on their part a ready
 recognition of Britain's sympathy
 on this issue, inasmuch as the
 Memorandum makes a proposal to
 the effect that the Powers should
 issue a statement declaring their
 readiness to negotiate on Treaty
 revision "and all other outstanding
 questions." Respect for the sanc-
 tity of Treaties is naturally urged,
 but there is a willingness to modify
 the strict letter of these compacts.
 Nothing, surely, could be more rea-
 sonable than that? Further evi-
 dences of goodwill are to be found in
 the British viewpoint favouring
 tariff autonomy and in the disclaim-
 ing of any idea of forcing foreign
 control on China. Opinions may,
 and probably will, differ on the
 suggestion for the unconditional
 granting of the Washington sur-
 taxes, but it is well that Britain

should make it known that she has
 always strongly objected to the
 attitude of those other nations
 which desired these to be placed
 under foreign control for the con-
 solidation of China's unsecured
 debts. That clarifies one point, at
 least.

One point which must not be
 overlooked is that the British
 Memorandum is merely in the na-
 ture of a suggestion to the other
 Powers as to the lines upon which
 a new policy, dictated by the
 changed conditions, should proceed.
 It must inevitably have the effect
 of producing that full and frank
 discussion of the Chinese problem
 which was contemplated by the
 Washington Treaty. That will be
 its chief value, and if it leads to
 the evolving of a common line of
 action on vital matters, so much
 the better. Some of the proposals
 will meet with opposition, we have
 no doubt, but they may at least
 provide the groundwork for really
 fruitful deliberations. All through
 the recent unrest in China, Britain,
 as a Shanghai paper puts, has been
 "made the goat." Not a soul has
 stood by her, not a finger has been
 lifted in her defence against un-
 just accusations and attack. But
 through it all she has shown exem-
 plary patience and has never weak-
 ened in her friendship for the
 Chinese people. She has thus
 earned the right to speak out free-
 ly, and to take the lead in initiating
 new policies, just as she took the
 lead in recognising the Chinese Re-
 public fifteen years ago. All manner
 of ill motives will doubtless be
 attributed to her, but when the his-
 tory of the present troubled period
 comes to be written, we have no
 doubt that this latest gesture will
 be assessed at its real worth, for
 what it is—a demonstration of
 sincere friendship and goodwill.

Hot Air.

Senator Butler of the United
 States has painted a very alarming
 picture of the needs of the Ameri-
 can Navy, and, in his attempt to
 justify the Bill he has just intro-
 duced into Congress, which is to
 authorise the immediate construc-
 tion of ten cruisers, he has gone to
 the limit of imagination and declar-
 ed that America's Navy is gener-
 ally in a very inferior and second-
 rate condition. If that is true,
 then there can be no objection to a
 very free programme of modernisa-
 tion, but Senator Butler does his
 country no service when he asserts
 that it has been duped by other
 countries and that America's kindly
 nature has been exploited by those
 nations with whom she freely en-
 tered into a restrictive pact. That
 is neither true nor complimentary
 to the nations concerned—particu-
 larly Britain who is one of the na-
 tions most vitally affected. When
 Senator Butler refers to America's
 position vis-a-vis that of "Mistress
 of the Seas" he strikes a note which
 is new and not a little alarming, but
 in this connection it is as well to
 remember that it is but Senator
 Butler talking and not the voice of
 the United States. With a Pre-
 paratory Commission experts sit-
 ting at Geneva evolving out (or
 trying to) the groundwork of an in-
 ternational disarmament confer-
 ence, it is a little unfortunate that
 Senator Butler should be so pro-
 vocative in tone. America has
 every right to modernise her
 fleet. Britain is doing it, and so
 are other maritime Powers. But
 the hope of mankind is that less
 and less public money will be spent
 on wasteful and unproductive arma-
 ments and that there will be a bet-
 ter and wider agreement come to in
 the near future by which nations
 will not need to compete for sup-
 remacy of strength. The United
 States of America can be trusted,
 we confidently believe, to continue
 its past good work in the cause of
 international disarmament, Senator
 Butler notwithstanding.

A cordial welcome was extended
 last night, at the Sailors' and
 Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, to
 the Rev. J. C. Knight-Anstey, the
 new minister of the Wesleyan
 Church, Wanchai. The new minis-
 ter was welcomed by the Rev.
 H. S. F. Rossiter, who referred to
 Mr. Anstey's fine record in India
 and in Home circuits, and the latter
 suitably responded.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ACCOMPLISH MORE BY PRU-
 DENCE THAN BY FORCE.—Tacitus.

The s.s. Karmala from Hong-
 kong arrived at Marseilles on the
 26th December, at 6 p.m.

Vessels arriving from the South
 report continued rough seas and
 strong monsoon weather.

There is to be a watchnight ser-
 vice in St. Peter's Church on New
 Year's Eve, commencing at 11 p.m.

The E. and O. s.s. Mirzapore,
 which left Shanghai at 3 p.m. on
 the 26th instant, is due here at
 11 a.m. to-morrow.

From Messrs. A. Goek and Co.
 the agents for "Flat" motor cars,
 we have received an attractive
 little pocket diary.

Yesterday's list of notifiable dis-
 eases shows one Japanese case of
 typhoid fever and one British case
 of puerperal fever.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Valtorta
 has appointed the Rev. Fr. Augus-
 tin Placzek to be rector of St. Mar-
 garete's Church, Broadwood Road,
 Happy Valley.

Yesterday afternoon, members
 of the local Consular Body called
 at the Japanese Consulate General
 to express their condolences at the
 death of the Emperor of Japan.

The collections at St. John's
 Cathedral on Christmas Day,
 which, as in previous years, will
 be devoted to the general funds of
 the Diocesan Schools, amounted to
 \$710.48.

Strong monsoon may be expect-
 ed over the China Sea, says the
 weather report of the Royal Ob-
 servatory to-day. The local fore-
 cast up till noon to-morrow is:
 North-east winds, fresh; fair.

The health return for the past
 week shows two fatal cases of
 typhoid fever (one British and one
 Chinese); one British death from
 hydrophobia, and two Chinese
 cases of diphtheria, of which one
 was fatal.

We understand that the police are
 offering a reward of \$250 for in-
 formation which will lead to the ar-
 rest and conviction of burglars who
 recently carried out a robbery at
 Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and
 Company's store.

Congratulations will be extended
 to Mr. and Mrs. William Henry
 Bell on the celebration yesterday
 of their silver wedding. They were
 married at Penang on December
 28, 1901. Mr. Bell is acting
 General Manager in Hongkong for
 the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

The forthcoming wedding is an-
 nounced of Mr. Alexander Christie
 Sinton, singalman, of the H.M.S.
 Tamar, to Miss Annie Pridmore,
 of Edinburgh, Mr. D. K. Pillai, medical
 practitioner of the Government
 Civil Hospital, to Miss Gertrude
 May Chan, of 186, Queen's Road,
 West.

The following vessels are expect-
 ed to be in wireless communication
 with Hongkong to-day:—Empress
 of Canada, Mirzapore, Van Over-
 straten, Autolytus, Sui An, Ata-
 goan Maru, Weir Bank, President
 Cleveland, Khiva, Tjillwong, Kotsu
 Maru, Shirala, Colorado and Glen-
 tara.

M. G. M. Guillaume de Cham-
 peaux, late of 86 Rue Du Bac, Paris,
 who died on April 27th, 1926, left
 \$306,850 "net" invested in local
 shares. Letters of Administration
 in respect of a son and daughter
 have been granted to: Mr. D. J.
 Lewis, of Hongkong, the legal at-
 torney.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, Dec. 28.
Paris	122 1/2
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Berlin	20.37
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.40
Helsingfors	10.24
Lisbon	217 1/2
Buenos Aires	16 17/32
Shanghai	2 1/4
Yokohama	210 5/8
New York	4.86 1/2
Geneva	25.09
Milan	107 1/2
Stockholm	18.15
Oslo	19.13
Prague	16.4
Moscow	81.77
Rio	5 1/2
Bombay	1/16 1/10
Hongkong	1/11 1/10
Silver (spot)	24.15 1/10
Silver (forward)	24 1/2

—British Wireless.

HEROES OF EVERY
DAY.WAR-BLINDED MEN MAKING
GOOD.

The Annual Reports of the work
 of St. Dunstan's have never been
 merely dry, official records of facts
 and figures, and the Eleventh An-
 nual Report, which has just reach-
 ed us, is another very human and
 interesting story of the year's
 work on behalf of sufferers from
 the world-war who must always
 hold a high place in public
 sympathy and regard.

The report strikes a high note
 of optimism, and this is fully
 justified both by the splendidly con-
 sistent progress and content of the
 war-blinded men themselves, and
 the generous public support given
 to the work of the Organisation.

The general financial position of
 the Organisation is eminently
 satisfactory. The Accounts and
 Balance Sheets show a reasonable
 margin of income over expendi-
 ture, after allowing for deprecia-
 tion and an allocation to a Fund
 set up last year to provide pen-
 sions for those war-blinded men
 who do not receive a State allow-
 ance.

The method adopted in this
 year's Report to give supporters
 and the public generally some
 conception of the extraordinarily
 complete and widespread activities
 which are embraced in the every-
 day work of the Organisation,
 makes deeply interesting reading.

Under the general heading, "A
 Day at Headquarters," we are
 given a description of a typical
 working day at the Administrative
 Headquarters. Quotations are
 given from many of the hundreds
 of letters received daily from St.
 Dunstan's men and their families.

—The little life stories of victories
 won, of help or advice needed,
 of losses suffered, and news of the
 personal and family happenings
 which the writers know will be
 read with the keenest interest by
 those who have helped and are
 helping them to shape their lives
 anew. The amazing diversity of
 the requests these letters contain,
 and the extent of the work in-
 volved in dealing completely and
 efficiently with them, is vividly
 shown, and gives us some know-
 ledge of the detailed and com-
 plete manner in which the work of
 St. Dunstan's is carried on.

Other pages of the Report are
 devoted to the work of St. Dun-
 stan's Branch Organisations in the
 Dominions Overseas; the work
 and administration of the Blinded
 Soldiers' Fund, which provides al-
 lowances for all the children of
 blinded soldiers who are not pro-

KOWLOON WEDDING.

AT THE ROSARY CHURCH.

A pretty wedding took place at
 the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on
 Monday, the contracting parties
 being Mr. C. I. da Rosa, of Messrs.
 Dodwell & Co., Ltd., and Miss
 A. M. C. Botelho of No. 339, Na-
 than Road, Kowloon, daughter of
 the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Botel-
 ho. The Rev. Father Spada
 officiated.

The bride was charmingly attir-
 ed in white satin, trimmed with
 silk shadow lace, and carried a
 bouquet of ten roses. She was
 given away by Mr. Botelho, her
 brother. The Misses Carvalho
 were bridesmaids, and they wore
 dresses of pale green crepe de
 chine with silver lace and hats of
 crinoline to match. Leolinda de
 Luz and Aurea Gill were flower
 girls and Roland Soares was page
 boy.

Mr. E. J. de Rosario was "best
 man" and Mr. F. X. Soares,
 groomsmen. Following the cere-
 mony, a reception was held at No.
 339, Nathan Road, after which
 bride and bridegroom left for
 Macao, where the honeymoon is
 being spent. The bride's going-
 away costume was of peacock blue
 georgette with russet trimmings
 and also a hat to match.

RUBBER PRICES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. have re-
 ceived a cable from Singapore in-
 dicated the following prices:

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Alor Gajahs	2.95
Amal, Malays	4.60
Ayer Moleks	2.55
Ayer Panas	12.90
Changkat-Serdangs	9.10
Glenaleys	2.80
Jerams	1.75
Jimahs	2.25
Kedahs	4.40
Lunas	4.00
New Serdahs	4.85
Pajams	3.50

vided for under State arrange-
 ments; the holiday and convales-
 cent Annex at Brighton; the
 sporting and recreative side of the
 war-blinded men's lives; and,
 finally, some pages of extracts
 from letters received from St. Dun-
 stan's all over the world, which
 tell in their own words all that
 the help of the Organisation has
 meant to themselves and their hap-
 piness.

The Very Idea!

For business, university training
 is an absolute waste of time, the
 Chinese gods others offered
 asserts Mr. Morris, the noted
 motor-car manufacturer. "Though
 there are exceptions," he said,
 "I have never found a university
 trained man of any use in my
 organisation. The university will
 not confer the qualities essential
 to commerce, but obliterates them
 if originally present. It has no
 understanding of the workers' psy-
 chology so essential to the
 carrying on of a large scale
 business. I started life in an en-
 gineering shop and, therefore, I
 know what workers think. No
 body can succeed without that
 understanding. University men
 absorb the idea that life is an
 easy thing, and they pay too much
 attention to sport and pleasure."

"Oh let's get married," said
 the man.
 "About you I am wild."
 "Two reasons why I can't"
 said she.
 "A husband and a child."

School Mistress: "Now, children,
 what did the Romans do for the
 Britons?"
 Small Girl: "They civilized 'em
 miss."

Mistress: "And how did they do
 that?"
 Second Small Girl: "Please
 miss, they taught 'em how to
 fight."

Sam's in the navy now. Got
 a soft job, too.

"What's he do?"
 "Well, you know when they
 sound the lead?"
 "Yeh."

Well, Sam listens.

Jimmy Starr, Los Angeles news-
 paper scribe who makes his living
 by writing an occasional scenario
 and titling pictures for Mack
 Sennett, was stopped on the
 street by a girl friend, "Oh
 to priests of three different faiths
 Jimmy," she exclaimed, "I saw a
 picture for which you wrote the
 Chinese farmers prayed to Buddha,
 titles last night and I laughed out
 Russian priests of the Greek
 orthodox church prayed in their
 I thought it would help you."

RUGBY WIRELESS.

WORLD-WIDE TRIBUTES.

Rugby, Dec. 28.
High praise for Post Office wireless engineers for their work at the Rugby high-power radio station, appears in the second report of the Wireless Telegraphy Commission.

Among report of testings from all over the world, the South Atlantic, Pretoria, Suez, Australia, Nantucket, Hongkong, Java, the Dutch East Indies and New York pay tribute to the "clearness of Rugby's signals." Sydney reported that Rugby was the only high-power European station readable through atmospheres. A good strength and note remained constant throughout.

The telegraph installation has so far been worked only on an eight most aerial with two-thirds of the power. The station has accommodation for sixteen masts.

On a small section of the aerial, with an experimental telephony transmitter, a good reliable two-way conversation across the Atlantic to New York has been obtained repeatedly for many hours of the day. Experiments will shortly be made on a main telegraph transmitter and a Trans-Atlantic telephony transmitter to determine whether simultaneous operation is feasible. Further installations are contemplated, namely a short wave plant and a medium wave plant.—*British Wireless.*

THE YAUMATI FIRE.

UNTRUE RUMOURS OF CASUALTIES.

Rumours have been current that several Chinese perished in the fire which destroyed five houses at Yaumati on Monday night. Enquiries, however, fail to corroborate this report, which is a gross exaggeration arising out of the discovery of the incinerated remains of an unknown Chinese amongst the ruins, yesterday morning. As a matter of fact, no reports have been received by the Fire or Police Departments of any person having been missed, and the identity of the Chinese whose remains were found by firemen is still unrevealed.

The ruins of the burnt building are in a dangerous condition for passers-by and it has been found necessary to put up shoring and to close part of the street.

BARRACKS FIRE.

A BLAZE AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

A store room on the ground floor of "B" Block of Victoria Barracks was the scene of a rather alarming fire last evening. Thanks to prompt action by both the military and the Fire Brigade, the outbreak was quickly quelled, but not before the contents of the store room had been destroyed.

It is not yet clear how the fire originated but an alarm of fire was given at about five o'clock, the store room of the Block, occupied by the Royal Engineers, being well alight. The military soon got busy with three hydrants and, by the time the Fire Brigade arrived, had water playing on the blaze. Within a short time of the Brigade's appearance a big volume of water was being poured into the store and the fire was very quickly beaten. The Brigade was back at Headquarters within one hour of starting out.

The building was not very much damaged, but the contents of the store were all destroyed.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

AWAITING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Paris, Dec. 28.
M. Briand has made a statement to the Cabinet on foreign affairs particularly on the position in China.

According to authoritative information, France is awaiting additional information from its diplomatic agents in China before deciding her attitude. Furthermore, a decision has not yet been reached regarding the British Memorandum, but it is semi-officially stated that French policy in the East will continue to be most liberal.—*Reuter.*

CAPITAL NEEDED.

FOR PHILIPPINES DEVELOPMENT.

AN IMPORTANT REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Lack of outside capital, adequate labour and necessary land legislation is blocking the balanced development of the Philippine Islands, says Major General Frank McIntyre, chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs in his annual report, recently released.

No direct reference is made by the general to the independence movement now afoot in the islands, but in commenting upon the disagreement between Governor General Wood and the Philippine legislature he says:

"This, perhaps, is not an ideal situation, but it rather assists than militates against an economical operation of the government and has rather assisted the rehabilitation of the finances of the government than interfered therewith."

SUGGESTS LEGAL CHANGE.

A "reasonable amendment" of the land and immigration laws of the islands, General McIntyre said, permitted a "controlled and limited flow of agricultural labour" would attract outside labour and result in advantages largely to the benefit of the present occupants of the islands.

Taking cognizance of the difficulties in passing laws in Washington pertaining to those two subjects, General McIntyre points out that congress in the organic law of 1916 authorised the Philippine legislature to enact land and immigration laws subject to the President's approval. Since that time, he says, "The land laws have not been amended in the serious way to attract capital."

Both the people in the Philippines and in their legislature are fully aware of the necessity of such an amendment, he says, but "there has been injected into the consideration of this subject a political consideration prompted by people in the United States who have contrary interests or who believe that the introduction of capital would delay the separation of the islands from the United States."

THOUGHT FINDS MARK.

"This thought from the outside has found lodgement in the minds of many of those who at present control legislation in the Philippine Islands, with the result that no serious action has been taken under the authorisation of congress."

Economically, he finds 1925 the first normal year since 1915, as the islands during the intervening time have been more or less abnormal in this respect as a result of the war and subsequent reactions. In 1925, the United States treasury transmitted to the islands \$14,500,000 (largely in connection with the army and navy contingents there) for disbursements therein. The total taxes collected there amounted to about \$44,000,000. The total exports were approximately \$149,000,000; the total imports about \$120,000,000 while the circulation in the islands was about \$66,000,000.

SEES MISLEADING FIGURES.

These figures are misleading, General McIntyre adds, as an analysis shows that the progress in the islands has been "largely due to the initiative of the government and the actual investment of the government in productive enterprises," and to the fact that there has been practically no investment of outside capital there in the ten-year period.

The large balance of trade in favour of the islands is accounted for in the foreign investments there, the increase on Philippine deposits abroad, interest paid on Philippine debentures and other factors.

Porto Rico, on the other hand, also is confronted with peculiar problems which must be solved. Although there has been a steady progress in this island, it was incited during the year by a depression in the sugar industry which caused a reduction in revenues and an increase of unemployment, a situation already acute.

GOOD SOLUTION.

As a solution to the question, General McIntyre advocated not only a budget that will balance in normal years, but also a surplus which will meet fluctuations in revenues which is inimical to a one-crop area as in sugar in the case of Porto Rico.

General McIntyre in recognising that the most serious problem confronting the Porto Ricans was that of unemployment caused by over-

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.

OPENING OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

London, Dec. 28.

In view of the satisfactory progress made with the experimental development of Trans-Atlantic telephony, the Post Office announces the opening of a preliminary Anglo-American public service in January, at a charge of 25 for every additional minute.

The announcement draws attention to the possibility that atmospheric conditions will sometimes prevent effective conversation and an allowance will be made therefore in the charging.—*Reuter.*

EMPEROR'S DEATH.

BRITISH COURT MOURNING.

Rugby, Dec. 28.

The English newspapers are publishing long and appreciative memorial notices of the late Emperor of Japan.

H.M. the King has commanded that the English Court shall wear mourning for three weeks, and half mourning from January 8th to 15th.—*British Wireless.*

"WET" ATTACK.

NEW BILL IN U. S. HOUSE.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Wet members of the House of Representatives, to-night made their first formal move toward introduction of a composite prohibition modification measure. Meanwhile, Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel for the Anti-Saloon League issued a broadside against those members of congress who successfully eliminated a half million dollars from the treasury appropriation bill which was to have defrayed the expenses of under cover prohibition agents.

Representative Hill of Maryland, a wet leader, has completed the draft of a bill for immediate introduction, which would amend the prohibition act to permit the manufacture and sale of beverages which "are not in fact intoxicating as determined in accordance with the law of the respective states."

In an accompanying statement Mr. Hill said the modification committee would consider this and similar bills after New Year and one bill will then be recommended to the House.

In another statement Mr. Wheeler of the anti-Saloon league said: "Elimination of the under cover item is an attempt to starve prohibition cat so it can not catch liquor mice."—*Associated Press.*

WAR ON BLACKBERRY.

A PEST IN NEW ZEALAND.

War has been declared on the blackberry in New Zealand.

What in England is a friendly little fruit changes its nature for the worse when it emigrates. Instead of confining itself to weaving entanglements along the hedgerows it marches like an invading army across country.

During the last few years the blackberry in New Zealand has encroached upon nearly 100,000 acres of valuable dairying land, and thousands of pounds have been spent on vain efforts to defeat it.

The Empire Marketing Board has now granted £2,000 annually for five years for entomological research by the Cawthron Institute at Nelson into the control of noxious weeds and especially the blackberry, and the New Zealand Government and the Cawthron Institute have each contributed £1,000 annually for this period.

The storm troops in the campaign are to be insects sent to New Zealand to eat up the blackberry.

population, stressed the opportunities afforded them in the continental United States. The Forto-Ricans, he points out, are United States citizens and free to pass from state to state without restriction. A universal training of the youth in Porto Rico would enable them to recognise these opportunities.

"The material betterment of those leaving the island in response to labour demands in the states," he concludes, "will obviously improve the outlook of those remaining. The great relief to the budget will not be the least public advantage of the relief from unemployment."—*Associated Press.*

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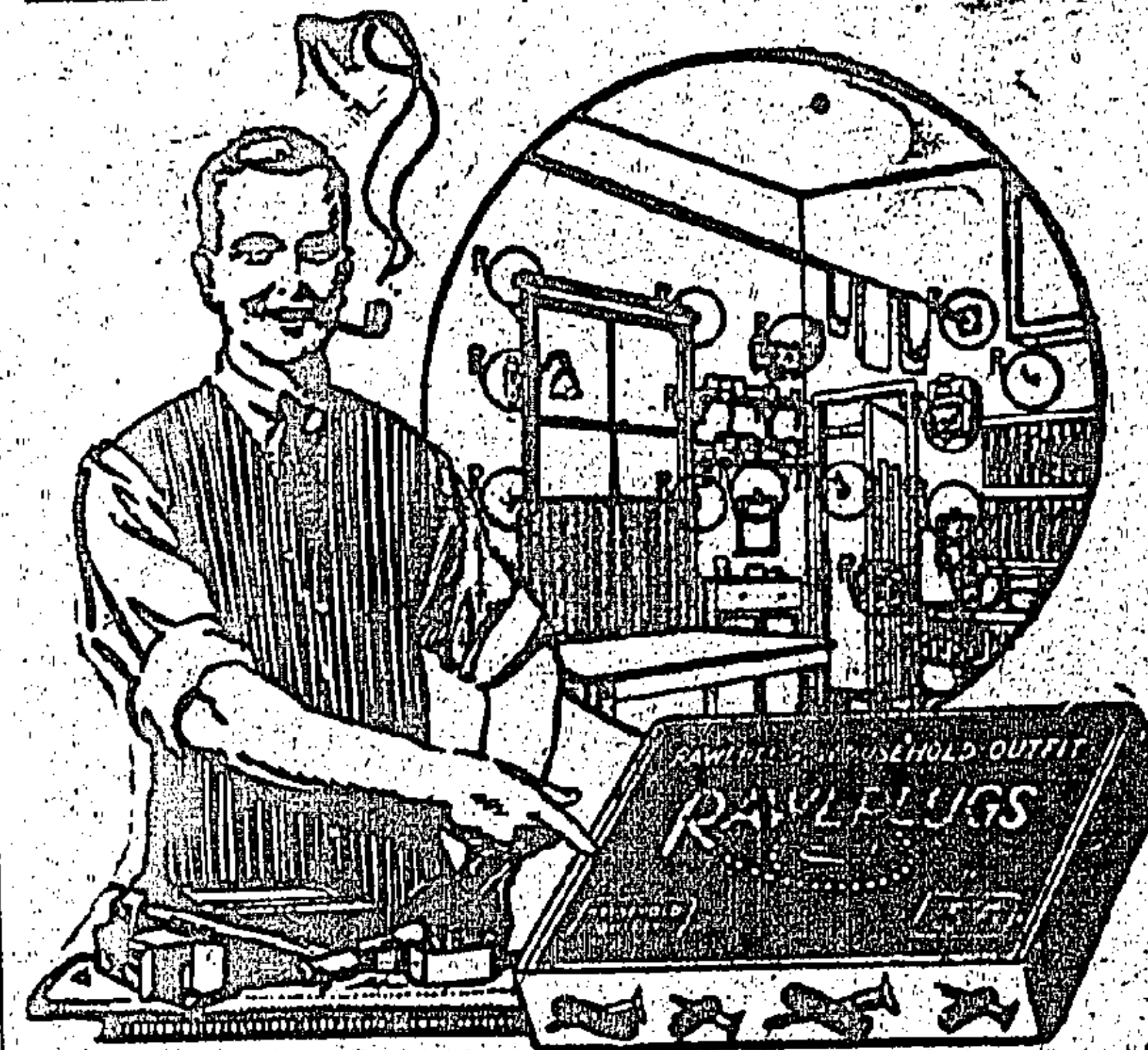
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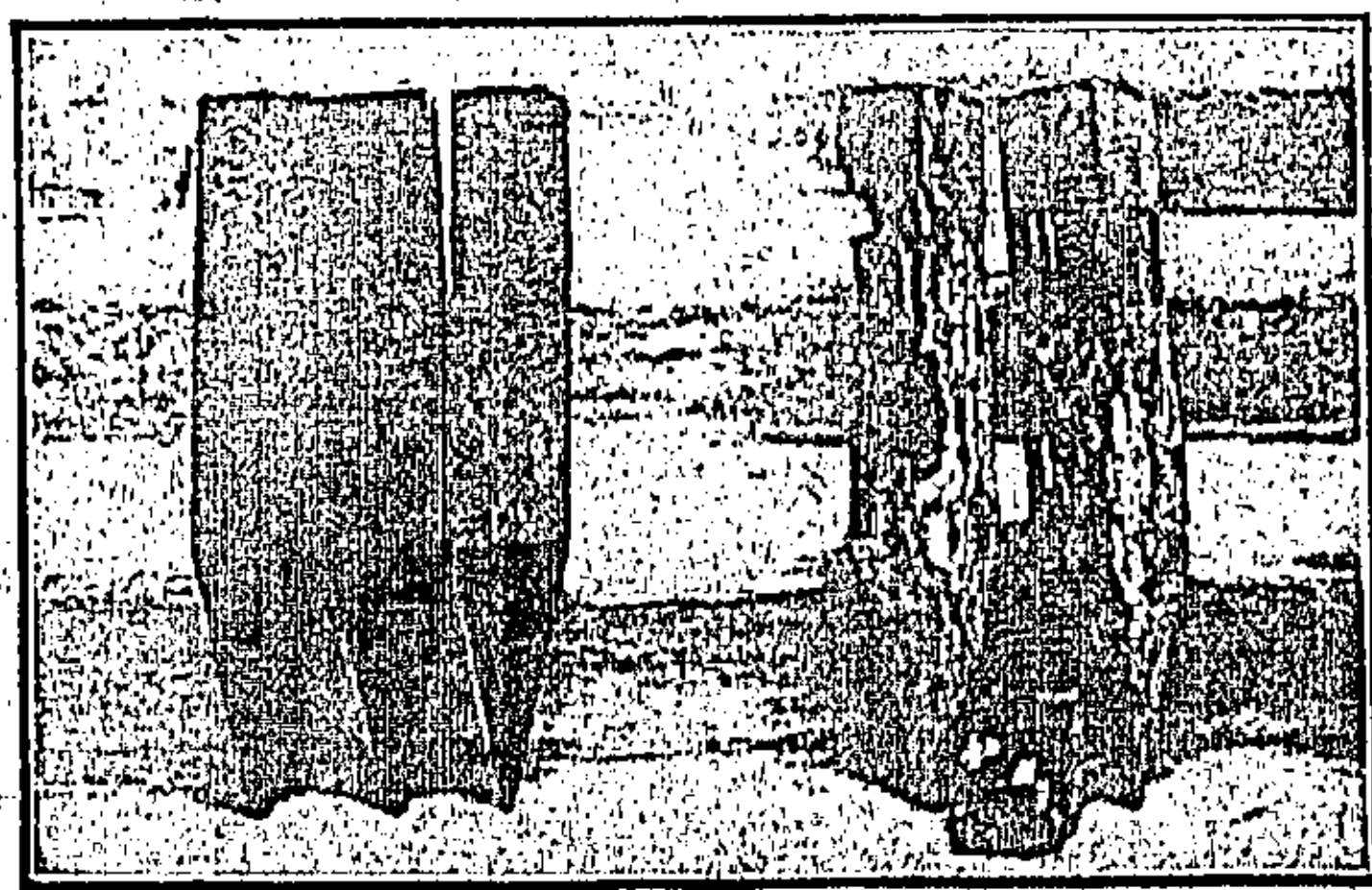
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MONKEY FLESH.

SOLD FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

The Sanitary Board, at yesterday's meeting, discussed the question of the sale in the Colony of monkey-flesh for human food. The matter arose out of two questions, of which Mr. J. P. Braga had given notice:

(a) Will the President be good enough to cause inquiries to be made into the truth or otherwise of the report that monkeys are killed in Hongkong and their flesh sold as food for human consumption?

(b) If it is found that monkey-flesh is sold for human food, will the Government favourably consider the enacting of a by-law prohibiting such sale of monkey-flesh?

The Chairman's Reply.

The Chairman (Mr. N. L. Smith) replied as follows:

My attention was drawn to this traffic in 1922 and I have no reason to believe that it has since stopped. Neither the Medical Officer of Health nor the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon sees any objection to it on hygienic grounds and provided the purchaser, as I am satisfied is the case, knows what he is buying. Market by-law 15, of course prohibits the sale of such meat in the Markets.

As regards the second question, it would appear to be impossible to prohibit the sale of this meat by a by-law made under section 16 (32) of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, unless it were proved that no such meat can be wholesome, and still less does sub-section (21) of the same section apply. Special legislation would accordingly be necessary, and I am to say that the Government will give full consideration to any recommendation made by the Board on this subject.

Mr. Braga said: I was prompted to ask the questions to which the President has just kindly answered, not from a public health point of view. It was at the instance of certain Chinese ladies, and men also, that I have brought to the notice of the Board the fact that monkey-flesh is sold for food in the Colony. As far as I understand there is a sentimental objection against the killing of monkeys for food. A further objection, that has been represented to me, is the fact that the very idea is repugnant to the susceptibilities of a certain class of people who claim that their objections should merit consideration. There is a great deal to be said in favour of their objections; but I will limit myself to one point only and that is if the epicurean palates of a certain type of gourmands must be satisfied, let it be done but not at the expense of the reasonable objections from people whose opinions are entitled to consideration.

An Advertisement.

I will read a rough translation of an advertisement which has appeared in a local Chinese newspaper announcing the sale of monkey-flesh for the medicinal value it is claimed to possess. I will admit it is a subtle method of advertising. There is a certain sense of humour in calling a stew of monkey-flesh seasoned with herbs by the warlike announcement of a "meeting of the King of Monkeys and the Five War Leaders." I wonder if the advertiser claims for his soup of monkey-flesh the rejuvenating qualities of the gland of the same animal.

The advertisement is in the following terms:

"(Shop Name, meaning, Gem of Health-Preservation.) Those who wish to preserve and strengthen their bodies please note.

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Hollywood Road.

Chinese Views.

The Chairman remarked that he did not know whether the Chinese representatives were prepared to give their views on the subject. This was, he hoped, a purely Chinese matter.

Mr. Braga welcomed the opinions of the Chinese members. He was speaking from a detached point of view, but had been asked to bring the matter up by certain

Chinese members of the community.

Dr. Tso said that every community had its own particular tastes. Some liked to eat snakes. He would hardly call monkey food as fit for general human consumption, and he did not think there was a shop that sold it openly. The demand for this particular flesh was very small indeed and only a few individuals with peculiar tastes consumed it. Chinese, generally, abhorred eating food of this kind. He was afraid that they could not legislate for the peculiarities of people's tastes. What monkey food was eaten, was taken quite secretly. He would like to make it clear that it was not one of the staple foods of the Chinese. The majority of the Chinese were entirely against the taking of this kind of food and he was personally very strongly opposed to it, but he did not see how they could legislate on sentiment. It was on very rare occasions that they saw an advertisement like Mr. Braga had produced. He quite agreed that the whole thing was disgusting, but at the same time he assured them that very few Chinese indeed had acquired the taste.

Buddhist Objections.

Mr. Braga said Dr. Tso had made one point to which he should like to reply and that was in regard to secret sale. It seemed to be a secret sale when it was advertised in a prominent and, he might say, in the manner in a public newspaper circulating in the Colony. The argument regarding secret sale therefore did not apply. If it was true that only a few ate monkey-flesh, then it seemed to him that in a civilised community they should not pander to the tastes of the few and thus give the community a name of not being a very refined one. There was no need for monkey-flesh when the Colony's markets were stocked sufficiently with meat and other kinds of food. One point he wished to elaborate was that it was represented to him as a strong argument that the Buddhists refused to touch it.

Dr. S. C. Ho: The Buddhists do not eat any animals at all.

Mr. Braga proceeded to say that the Buddhists had a particular dislike to monkey-flesh being advertised for sale. He thought that if Dr. Tso continued his enquiries, he would find that monkey-flesh was sold in fair quantities in Hollywood Road and the locality. If it was the wish of the Board, then legislation should be introduced to stop it.

Used As A Tonic.

The Chairman said it seemed to him that two points emerged. One was that people who ate monkey flesh did not do so as an alternative to a pork diet, but as a special form of tonic or medicine to give them certain warlike virtues. The second point was that the only objections raised were sentimental objections, and he hardly thought it was for the Board to consider a question of sentiment. The obvious channel for any objection to this particular traffic seemed to him through the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and it would be carefully considered no doubt by the Government after taking the best Chinese advice on the subject. He did not think the Board should go any further in the matter, although it was perfectly open for any member to table a motion.

Dr. Tso remarked that if he remembered rightly the question had already been before the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

Mr. Braga thought it would do good to draw public attention to the matter. Although he kept in pretty close touch with things generally in the Colony, he was not aware that representations had been made to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs on this subject. The discussion then dropped.

SANITARY BOARD.

REPLIES TO MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS.

Mr. N. L. Smith presided over a meeting of the Sanitary Board held in the Post Office building, yesterday afternoon. There were also present Dr. S. W. Tso, Dr. J. G. Macgown, Dr. S. C. Ho, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy (Director of Public Works), Dr. G. E. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (Secretary) and Mr. D. Davies (Assistant Secretary).

Monkey Flesh.

A discussion on the sale of monkey flesh in the Colony for human food, is reported in another column.

Water Closets.

Mr. J. P. Braga, in accordance with notice given, asked:

(a) Is the President aware that dissatisfaction exists at the length of time taken in the consideration of applications for installing water closets, and is it not possible to expedite such consideration in future?

(b) Is it a fact that, when applications for installing water closets are refused, the answer to the applicants is usually given in a stereotyped form without any explicit reasons being stated for such refusal?

(c) Is it not practicable in future to state the grounds on which an application is turned down so as to enable applicants to meet any technical or other objections with a view to a reconsideration of their applications?

The Chairman replied as follows:

1. I am not aware of any general dissatisfaction, at the time taken in considering applications for water closets, though I am occasionally asked to investigate the causes of alleged delays. From an examination of a very large number of such applications, I am satisfied that no undue delay ever occurs at the Secretariat of the Board. The Secretary has also a system of periodical reminders which is aimed at the acceleration of papers in process of circulation to members of the Board's Standing Committee.

2 and 3. In notifying applicants of the Board's refusal to allow an installation, the Secretary is bound only by the instructions of the Board's Standing Committee. There is no stereotyped letter of refusal, though I understand that the Standing Committee frequently instructs the Secretary to refuse an application without giving specific reasons. If the Board decides to modify the terms of reference on the composition of this Standing Committee, I consider that this should be the subject of a separate motion.

Dr. Tso remarked that as member of the sub-committee he could say that the Board frequently gave reasons for refusal.

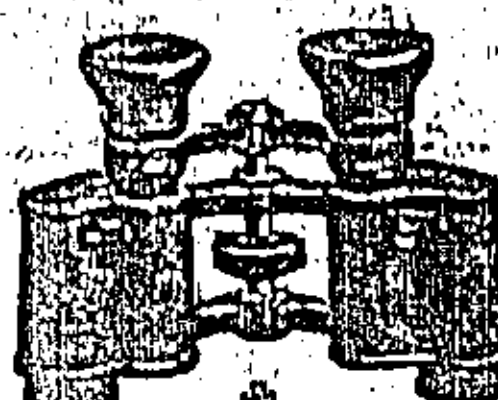
Secretary. A minute by the President was laid on the table relative to the appointment of Mr. D. Davies as Secretary of the Sanitary Board and Mr. J. Watson as assistant Secretary.

Conveniences.

Objection was raised by the Hon. Mr. Creasy to an application for the erection of three European and one native type water closets and one urinal at No. 22 Bonham Strand West, on the ground that the construction of the building was not suitable for these conveniences. Mr. Creasy promised to explain the plans to members at a later meeting.

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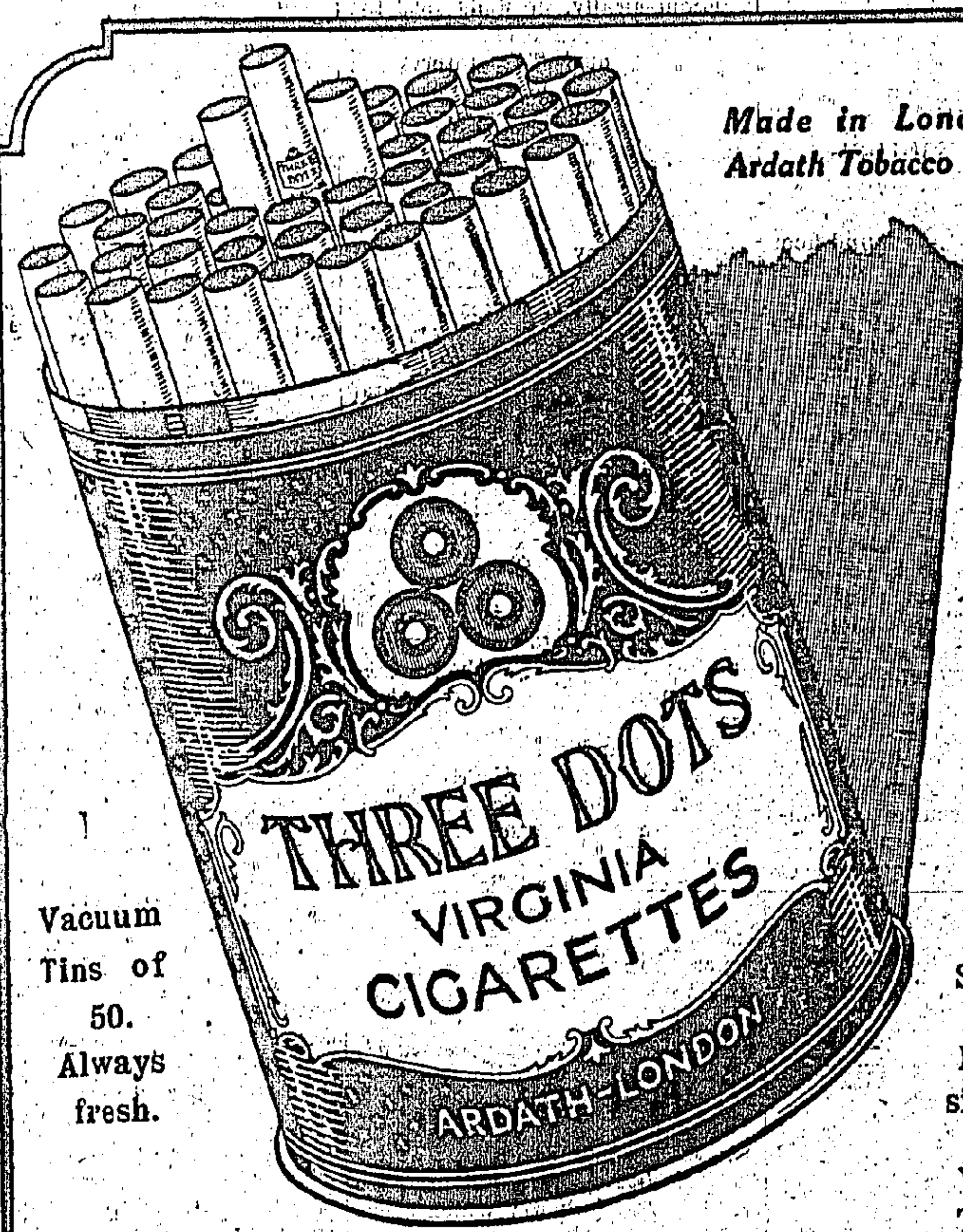
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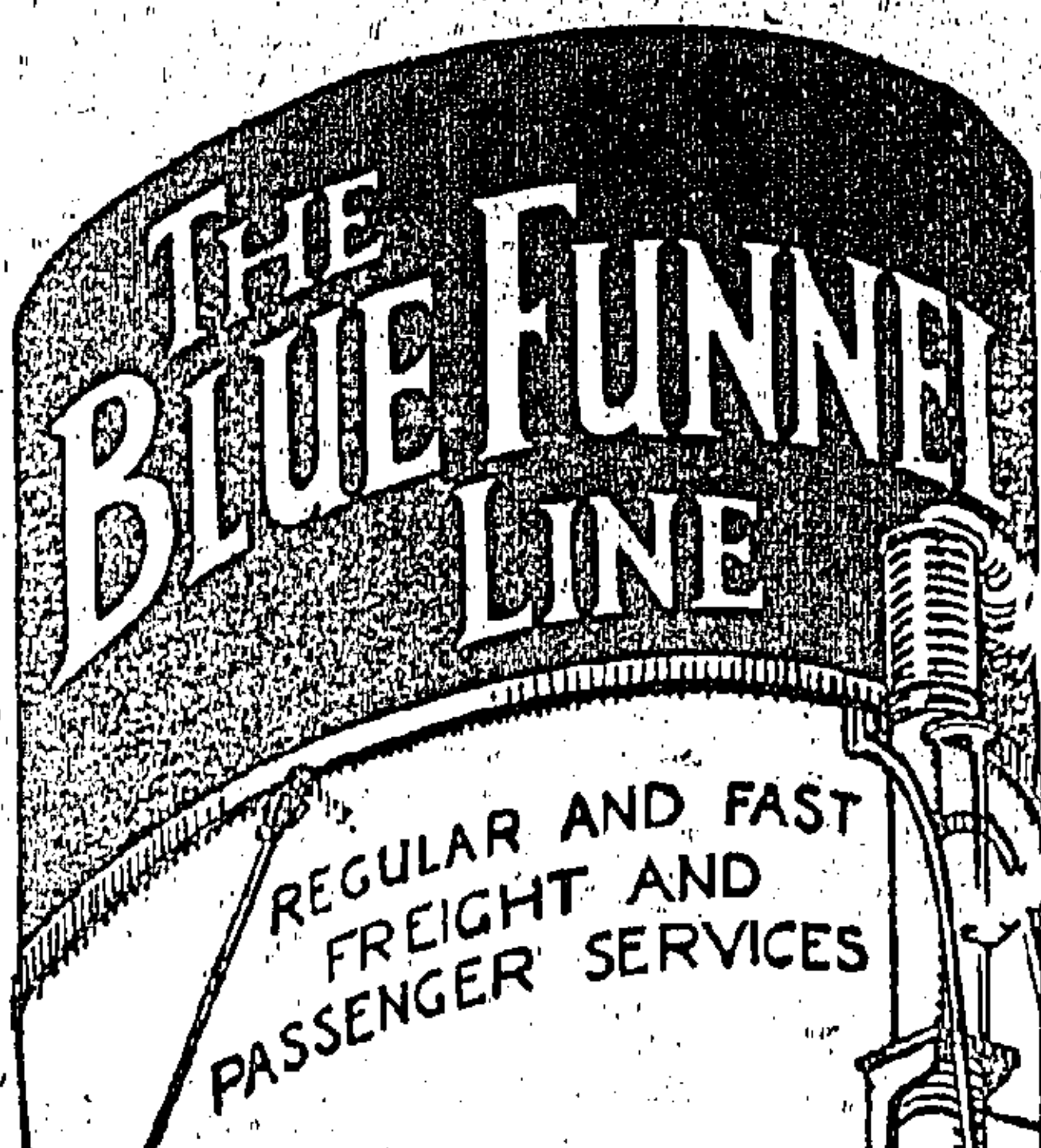
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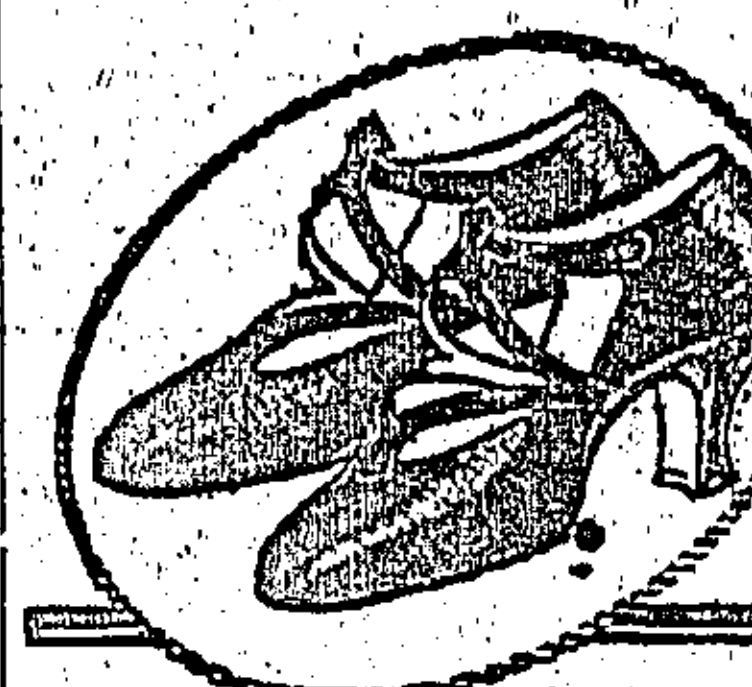
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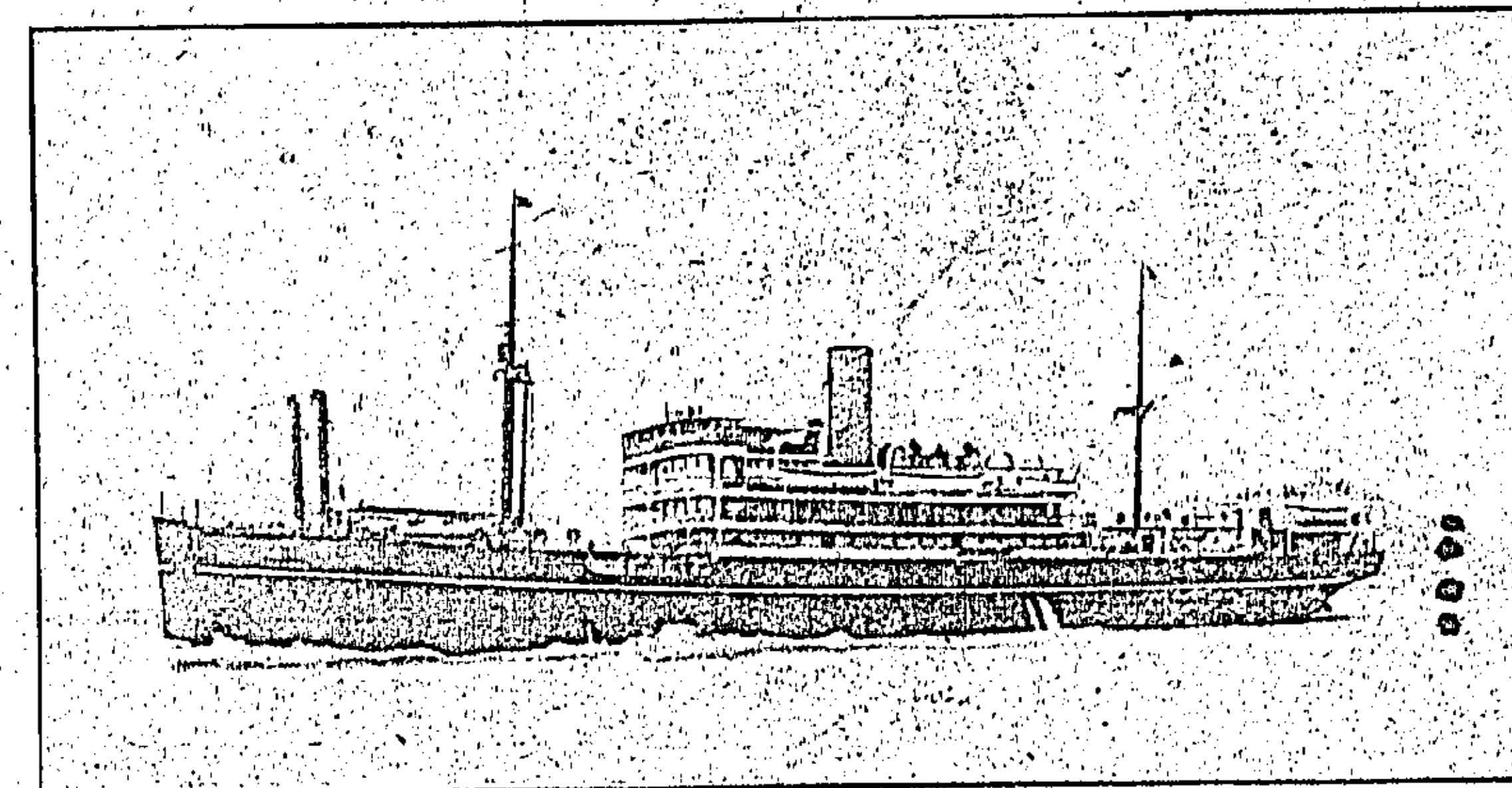
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BRITAIN'S POLICY.

HOME NEWSPAPER
 COMMENT.

London, Dec. 28.
 Comment is published in this morning's papers on the British Memorandum to the Powers.

The *Morning Post* declares the document is both a plain statement of British Policy towards China and a cordial invitation to other interested Powers to manifest equal consistency in their dealings with the Chinese people. "The British Government in its Memorandum frankly recognises that the Cantonese Nationalist aims are inspired by a legitimate desire for the independence of China, with which the Government has always been in sympathy."

The *Daily Mail* describes the proposals on the whole as moderate and judicious and says they can be accepted as a fair statement of principles which should be followed in Britain's dealings with China. Referring to the seizure of surplus taxes it declares that it may be wise to recognise the realities of the case and abandon the contractual privileges which we admit are indefensible. Such an arrangement can be justified if it can form the basis of regularising the position in Canton.

The *Daily Telegraph* declares that the experience of the Peking Customs conference has been intentionally disregarded in the memorandum and adds that so far as the primary intention of the tariff conference is concerned it has already been broken beyond repair. "Any rehearsal of the eternal treadmill of self-interest and misunderstanding will only result in widening the breach which an unfortunate conference dug between a friendly nation and the rest of the world."

The *Daily Chronicle* hopes that the statement will help to dispel the false impression of British policy which has prevailed in China, causing anti-British feeling.

Moderation.
 The *Manchester Guardian* in an editorial says if the British Government courageously persists in the spirit of its note to the Powers in regard to China, the chance of coming to some honourable, satisfactory arrangement with China is better than for a long time past.

The whole note breathes the spirit of moderation and wisdom, which is as humane as politic, the British Government in effect asking the Canton Government to come to a sensible interim arrangement until some authority has definitely established itself as the Government of China.

That is a fair offer, and if the Cantonese, confident of their power, seize Shanghai and Peking, they may be willing to accept it; but the Nationalists are in a hurry and not always content with what is reasonable. Possibly the British proposals will meet with delays owing to disagreements among the Powers. If it proves impossible to maintain a united front among the Powers, one gains the impression that Britain will no longer be willing to abandon its viewpoint simply for the sake of unanimity.—*Reuter*.

Favourable American Comment.
 New York, Dec. 28.
 The British memorandum on China has been well received in the United States, judging by newspaper comment.

The *New York World* declares the memorandum shows a liberal policy, combined with good sense, and states the British are realistic enough to recognise the day when the illiberal policy in the Far East has gone forever.

The *New York Times* is of opinion the document indicates complete disavowal of force in settling the Chinese difficulty, and ends the grotesque picture painted by some ill-informed friends of China of predatory nations eagerly awaiting a chance to pounce down on China and despoil her. It adds, "Would anyone imagine a more patient or more forbearing policy than that marked out by the British Government?" — *Reuter's American Service*.

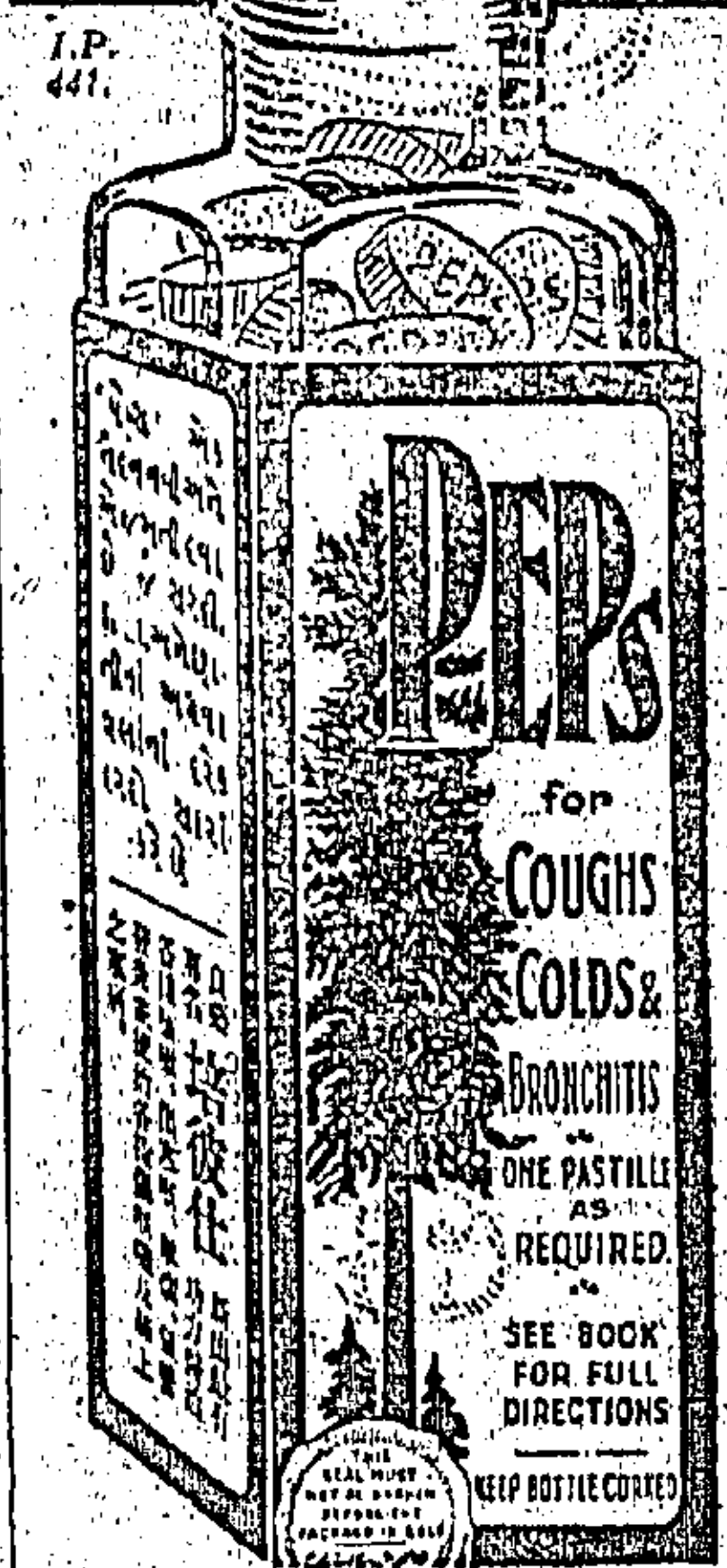
French Press Views.

Paris, Dec. 28.
 According to the *Petit Parisien*, the Ministerial Council will examine the British memorandum on China this morning.

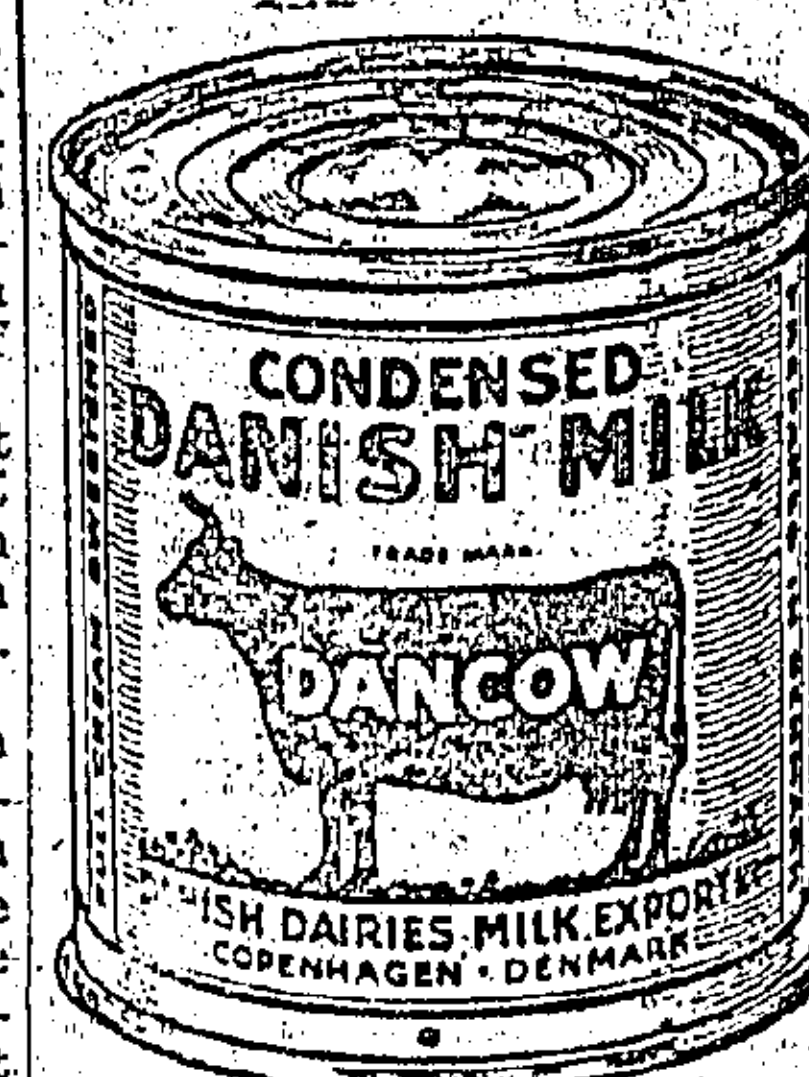
The *Matin* opines that Britain has made very definite concessions to the Cantonese, and adds, "Doubtless Mr. Miles Lampson in his recent conversations with Mr. Eugene Chen proposed that Britain would recognise the Canton Government provided the Nationalists undertook to abolish likin. The Cantonese refused point-blank and thus the British Government, finding itself unable to achieve anything alone, has urged the other Powers to lend their support."

The *Figaro* says the British policy shows a peaceful, conciliatory spirit. The latest proposals do not come too late, though the *Figaro* opines the Nationalists both in the north and south will probably reject them.—*Reuter*.

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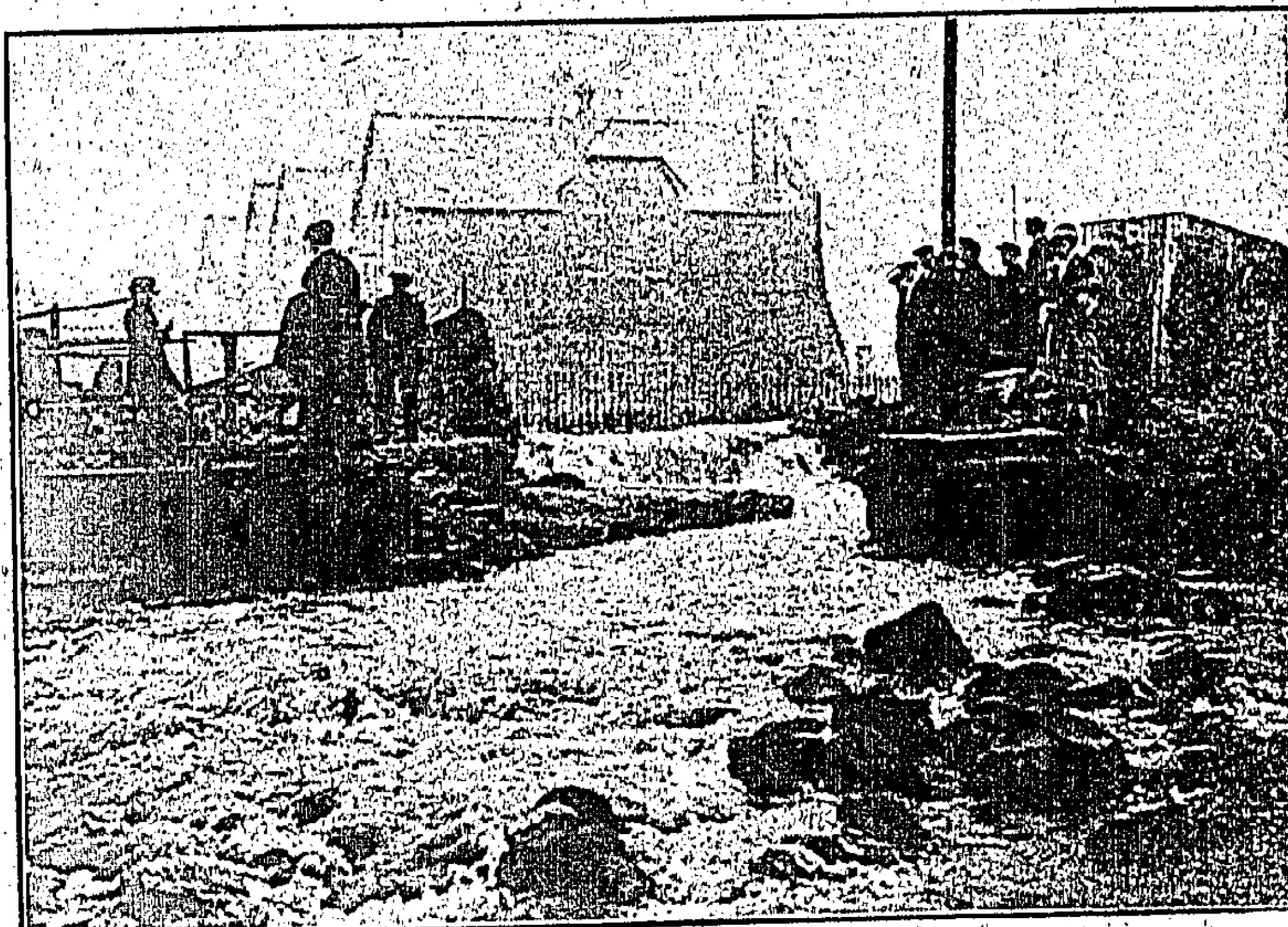
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TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.

Hongkong, \$1120 s.
Chartered, Bank, \$21 s.
Mercantile A. & B., \$32 n.
Mercantile C., \$134 n.
P. and O., \$24 b.
East Asia, \$84 n.

Marine Ins.

Canton Ins., \$640 b.
China Underwriters, \$145 s.
North China, Tls. 145 n.
Union Ins., 250 n.
Yankee Ins., \$45 s.

Fire Ins.

China Fire, \$200 b.
Hongkong Fire, 615 b.

Shipping

Douglases, \$284 b.
Steamboats, \$26 n.
Tugs, \$1 b.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$32 b.
Shell Trans., 90/- n.
Star Ferries, \$37 n.
Waterboats, \$154 b.

Refineries.

China Sugars, \$25 s.
Malabons, \$36 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$140 n.
Kailans, 38/- n.
Langkats, Tls. 25 b.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 4.50 n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 8.00 n.
Raub, \$41 n.
Tronohs, 21/- b.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$115 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$45 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 170 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 5.40 n.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 111 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9 s.
H.K. Lands, \$55 s.
Realty, \$6.15 b.
Territorials, \$3 s.
Humphreys, \$14 s.
Princes Eldgs, \$89 n.
Rural Lands, \$11 n.

Cottons.

Ewos Cottons, Tls. 8.85 b.
Orientals, Tls. 21 s.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 54 b.

Buses, Trams.

China Buses, \$94 b.
Tramways, \$214 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$154 b.
S'pore Traction, 15/- s.
Taxis, \$2 s.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$16. b.
Canton Loos, \$5 n.
Coments (Comb.), \$10 s.
China Lights, \$164 s.
China Prov., \$5.25 n.
Constructions, \$1.90 b.
Dairy Farms, \$184 n.
Der A. Wing, \$6 n.
H'kong Electrics, \$574 n.
Macao Electrics, \$35 n.
Ropes (Old) \$10 s.
Lane Crawfords, \$8 n.
Macintosh, \$194 n.
Sinceros, \$94 s.
United Asbestos, \$20 s.
Watsons, \$13 n.
Powells, \$64 n.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	December 29.
Straits	Takada	December 29.
Shanghai	Sinkiang	December 29.
Manila	Empress of Canada	December 30.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mirzapore	December 30.
Shanghai	Lianchow	December 30.
Straits	Van Overstraten	December 30.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Autolycus	December 30.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	December 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	December 31.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	January 2.
Australia and Manila	Arafura	January 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Adams	January 3.
Shanghai	Amazona	January 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	January 6.
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	January 7.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung	Wed., Dec. 28, 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Straits	Glentara	Wed., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tuan	Thurs., Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tjikarang	Thurs., Dec. 30, 11.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Laisang	Thurs., Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed via Siberia only)	Pres. Jefferson	Thurs., Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
Straits	Parcels	Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Registration	2.45 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Letters	3.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	(Due Victoria, B.C., 18th Jan., 1927)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Autolycus	Fri., Dec. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Haiching	Fri., Dec. 31, Noon.
Swatow and Bangkok	St. Albans	Fri., Dec. 31, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Parcels	Noon.
Straits and Calcutta	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Thursday Island Jan. 15, 1927.)	
	Mingsang	Fri., Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
	Hakone Maru	Sat., January 1, 8.45 a.m.
	Registration	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 30th January.)	
	Sinkiang	Sat., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
	Kwangchow	Sun., Jan. 2, 8.30 a.m.
	Hozan Maru	Sun., Jan. 2, 9 a.m.
	Hosang	Mon., Jan. 3, 1 p.m.
	Letters	1 p.m.
	Suiyang	Mon., Jan. 3, 5 p.m.
	Haichong	Tues., Jan. 4, Noon.
	Amazona	Tues., Jan. 4, 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 4th Feb., 1927.)	

CLAIM FOR \$500.

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His Lordship remarked that it was clear that the salary account was not finally closed until after the work was done. It was agreed that there were no accounts in the firm, and the accounting work had been deliberately left to look after itself until the end of May.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Mr. Leask replied that the plaintiff was claiming something that he could not prove a contract for, and he could not be satisfied that the defendant did not in fact act as an accountant. He was responsible for the books, and the whole of his previous experience, as he admitted, was in the capacity of accountant. He submitted that the plaintiff had not made out a case for additional remuneration. His Lordship intimated that he would deliver judgment on Friday.

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This target-practice order is but one more indication of the grim situation in which Detroit citizens find themselves owing to the attraction which the colossal

wealth amassed by the motor-car industry has exercised recently on bandits from all parts of the country. Bankers and manufacturers are convinced that their only defence against robbers under arms is a reversion to the justice of frontier days when outlaws were peppered full of holes or strung to the nearest tree.

Only 33 Killed.

This year 16 banks have been robbed. There have been innumerable robberies of wages in bulk. Though the police have shot down 133 bandits, only 33 have been killed. This percentage, the authorities feel, must be promptly corrected, since in the shooting 6 policemen were killed and 16 wounded.